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Dear Readers

As I hinted last month, we've gone 'over the moon' with this issue! It was great fun to photograph and we all had a super day. We spent most of the day singing every song we could think of with 'moon' in the title - so to continue the fun, there's a free year's subscription to the ten readers who send in the greatest number of song titles they can think of with 'moon' in the title. As a tie breaker, complete the following phrase in 15 or less words - Machine Knitting Monthly went to the moon because... The closing date is the 30th September and we'll let you know the winners in a future issue. Good luck!

We've some super designs this month, including two using an exciting new yarn from Studley. Called Special Effects, the fine yarn can be added to your usual yarn without affecting the tension, so you can give a completely new look to your favourite patterns and yarn. Read all about it on pages 16 and 17 and look out for it at your local Studley stockist. The tiny 50g spools are very economical and, as you can see from our jacket on page 23, will transform ordinary cream four ply acrylic into a lovely tweedy fabric. Photographs can never show how exciting the effect can be, so do try it for yourself!

Anne

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NEWS LINE

GOOD LUCK, GOODBYE...

This month we say a fond farewell to June Weatherall who has compiled our Newslines and Clubline pages almost since the magazine started. She's done a marvellous job for us and we shall all miss her very much. Now that their family has grown up, she and her husband, John, are quitting the rat race for a more relaxed life in Suffolk. We're not quite sure how relaxed it will be though – June is joining the East Anglian Daily Times as a feature writer and reporter!

Our very best wishes go with them for good health and happiness in their new lifestyle and June's new job.

... AND WELCOME!

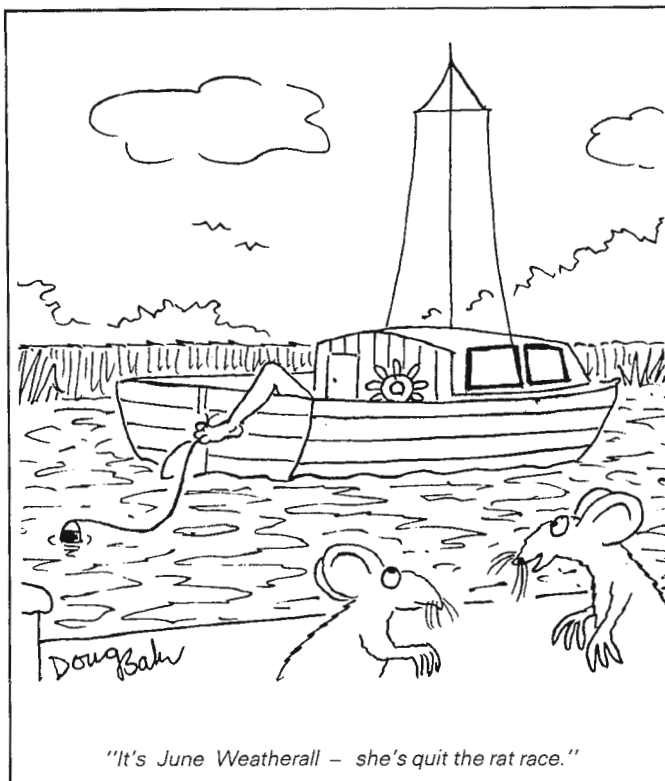
Into June's shoes will step Ann Taylor who started our Knitmaster Corner and Read All About It features and contributes Tinkering With a Toyota each month. We'll merge Newslines and Read All About It but promise to continue the Golden Oldie spot! On the occasions we've left it out, the 'phones haven't stopped ringing and your letters indicate just how much you enjoy this small section of the magazine. Ann's super contributions for our Knitmaster and Toyota readers will, of course, continue. Her knowledge of these machines has enabled her to help

many knitters, not only through the pages of MKM, but also through personal contact. If you have any queries about knitting on and using these machines, drop her a line. She'll do all she can to help or put you in touch with someone who can.

Now that Ann is taking over the Clubline reins, she'd also welcome all your club news. Are you moving? ... Are you holding any events? ... Have you changed venue? ... Would you welcome new members? Don't keep the news to yourself, share it with other readers through Clubline. We'd love to hear from you, so drop us a line today.

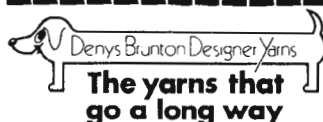
OUR NEW LOOK

It's been a little bit like musical chairs in the office. Diane and June are moving, Melinda has already moved up to Leicester and a few of us have changed hats in the process, so it seemed the perfect excuse to have a new look for the magazine! We asked Nic Overhead to re-design our logo and the editorial pages. Don't panic – there aren't too many changes, we've just had an autumn spring clean ... if that makes sense! Our 'new look' October issue will be on sale on 21st September, so order your copy today. Don't miss it!



ABBREVIATIONS

alt, alternate(ly); beg, beginning; ch, chain; cm, centimetres; cont, continue(ing); dc, double crochet; dec, decrease(ing); foll, following; HP, holding position; mm, millimetres; MT, main tension; MT-1, MT-2, MT-3, one, two, three sizes tighter than main tension; MT+1, MT+2, MT+3, one, two, three full sizes looser than main tension; MY, main yarn; N(s), needle(s); NWP, non working position; P, purl; patt, pattern; RC, row counter; rem, remain(ing); rep, repeat; ss, stitch size; st(s), stitch(es); st, stocking stitch; tog, together; WP, working position; WY, waste yarn.



CHARITY EVENT

After holding a very successful Fashion Show last year, "Aldridge Machine Knitters" have decided to do another show this year, the charity is to help provide a Chemotherapy Unit for Walsall Hospitals. The date for the show is Friday 29th Sept 1989 – time 8.00 pm start at the Kings Cabaret Theatre, Hamsted Rd, Great Barr Birmingham 43. Tickets cost £2. Reasonably priced basket meals, bar & waitress service are available, and there is plenty of car parking space.

I feel sure local Knitting Clubs would enjoy a pleasant night out, and anyone requiring information or tickets can ring Angela, 021-353 9051 or Audrey, Aldridge 52737.

NEW BOOKS

Explore the full potential of slip stitch with Denise Musk. In her new book *Machine Knitting: The Technique of Slipstitch* she explores ingenious ways to use slip stitch and give texture and interest to knitted fabric. All the work is done using punchcards, making the processes much easier than hand-tooling.

Carolyn Harris lives on a farm in Somerset and uses this rural setting as inspiration for the garments in her book *Knitting Patterns from Nature*. It's intended for knitters who have mastered basic techniques and now want to produce original knitwear – by hand or machine.

Both books are published by Batsford and each costs £14.95.

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ON THE MOVE

As we write, Diane Bennett who writes our 'Oh Brother' feature, is moving down to Bristol. She hopes to run a series of courses in Nailsea in the autumn and these will probably include one and two day courses for owners of the 950 and 950i, one day courses covering the PPD, short courses on the ribber and special three day courses covering such subjects as 'The Secrets of Successful Skirts'. She'd be pleased to visit clubs in her area during the autumn or next year and is happy to drive to places up to an hour away from Bristol.

If you'd like further details of her courses or a list of her suggested topics for knitting clubs, drop us a line at MKM and we'll forward your letters to her. Please enclose a sae and as soon as she's settled in, she'll send you full details.

COLOUR BLENDED COTTONS

Brockwell Wools have recently sent us samples of their new colour mixed yarns based on the

Mercerised Cotton range. There are two ranges; in one, strong vibrant colours are plied together to give a rich effect and in the other pastel shades are blended for a subtle look. These marled mixtures are based on the popular 3x2/16 weight.

Brockwell also offer a unique service – any chosen colours can

be mixed to order. The amount can be as small as one 450g cone and can be in any ply from two to eight. For more details of the yarns and the special service contact Brockwell Wools at Stansfield Mill, Stansfield Mill Lane, Triangle, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire HX6 3LZ (tel: Halifax 834343).

KNITSOFT COMPUTER PROGRAM

We have received a computer program on floppy disc from "Knitsoft" of Cleethorpes, which will give a print-out of the stitches and rows to make a garment to your own measurements.

The instructions suggest that this can be used by "those of you with little or no computer experience". We think one needs some knowledge of the "question and answer" system used by computers and certainly one needs a little "know-how" regarding machine knitting. So this is probably not for the complete beginner in either discipline.

Having said that, once the initial tension piece is knitted and measured it is very easy to follow the questions. The usual measurements for any garment are required and suggestions are made as to a suitable measurement for the particular section. This would be a great help in checking that one had not mis-measured the item to be knitted. The computer asks if one wishes to have the details in inches or centimetres. This is a bonus for those of us who cling to the former; the younger ones among us having had the latter thrust upon them!

It is possible to have instructions for a V or a round neckline and variations in between the two and for drop shoulders or a modification of this, where a few stitches are cast off at underarm. This is a very popular style at the moment, but it is a pity that a raglan sleeve is not available. Mothers of young children still find these more comfortable for a child to wear.

Once all the measurements have been fed in, a block is drafted on the screen with the appropriate stitches and rows. This can be printed out, if a suitable printer is available, as can a row-by-row written pattern. All this is displayed on the screen so if no printer is available, the computer must be in the same room as the knitting machine, or it must all be copied down on paper.

Mr. Senior, who has produced

this program, says using this is "certainly easier than getting our 950 to put two mylar patterns exactly where we want them". It may or may not be easier, but the two items are completely different – with the computer program we are knitting a completely plain, straightforward garment, albeit in Fair Isle, lace and so on. To place our motifs exactly where we want them is a different proposition altogether.

This is a very good program for the computer "buff", but a knitter who is familiar with a charting device (Knit Leader, Knit Radar/Contour, Knit Tracer) will be used to taking all the measurements and drawing the shape on the appropriate sheet. This has the advantage that the chart is actually attached to the knitting machine and does not rely on a computer screen near to hand, or lengthy sheets of paper to be positioned somewhere around the knitting machine. For someone without a charting device it would certainly be much cheaper to buy the program on disc. Our computer expert was full of praise for the simplicity of this program, with one exception – we are warned that one question is "the hard one" and it certainly is. Reference to computer books did not reveal what "ESC*" means. We tried answering "yes" in one instance and "no" in another. The only difference appeared to be that the print-out was wider in one case than the other. So presumably this refers to the type of printer being used.

Knitcad (modern) is obtainable from Knitsoft, 51 Lindsey Road, Cleethorpes, South Humberside DN35 8TN in any of the standard Acorn filing system formats (for example, tape or disc, 3.5" or 5.25" DFS or ADFS). It costs £10.95 including p&p in the UK. An extra £1 is charged for addresses within Europe and £2 for addresses beyond Europe. This seems a reasonable price for this item.

Joan Lafferty

COMPETITION RESULT

This month we're delighted to bring you the result of our May competition. Our postbag was full of entries from readers, all trying to win the £150 Voucher from the

Hertfordshire Knitting Centre. The winner was Mrs A. Hogarth of 6 Cedar Street, Horden, Peterlee, Co. Durham SR8 4HD and her correct answer was 'Classic Styles'. We're sure she'll enjoy spending her super prize at the Hertfordshire Knitting Centre. Many congratulations, Mrs Hogarth.

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BACK

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 77 [81, 85, 89, 93, 97] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 154 [162, 170, 178, 186, 194] Ns. * Push corresponding Ns on ribber to WP. Arrange Ns for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on and K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4/MT-4, K 32 rows. Transfer sts for st st *

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER
Push 76 [81, 85, 88, 93, 97] Ns at left and 76 [80, 85, 88, 92, 97] Ns at right of centre 0 to WP. 152 [161, 170, 176, 185, 194] Ns. * Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and MC, K 63 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed *

1ST AND 4TH SIZES

Inc 1 st at each end.

2ND AND 5TH SIZES

Inc 1 st at right edge.

ALL SIZES

154 [162, 170, 178, 186, 194] sts.

ALL MACHINES

Set RC at 000. Using MT, cont in patt A **. K 232 rows. Work measures 66 cm, 26 in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 52 [56, 59, 63, 65, 69] sts at beg of next 2 rows. Cast off rem 50 [50, 52, 52, 56, 56] sts.

FRONT

Work as for back to **. K 210 rows. 22 rows less have been worked to shoulder than on back.

SHAPE NECK

Using a length of MC, cast off centre 20 [20, 22, 22, 26, 26] sts and push 67 [71, 74, 78, 80, 84] Ns at left to HP. Cont on rem sts for first side. K 1 row. Cast off 3 sts at beg of next and foll 2 alt rows, K 1 row. Dec 1 st at beg of next and every foll alt row until 52 [56, 59, 63, 65, 69] sts rem. K 4 rows. Cast off. With carriage at left, push rem Ns from HP to UWP and finish to correspond with first side, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 38 [38, 40, 40, 42, 42] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 76 [76, 80, 80, 84, 84] Ns. Work as for back from * to *.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 37 [37, 40, 40, 42, 42] Ns at left and 37 [37, 40, 40, 41, 41] Ns at right of centre 0 to WP. 74 [74, 80, 80, 83, 83] Ns. Work as for back from * to *.

1 FAIR ISLE AND INTARSIA SWEATER

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge punchcard machines with or without a ribber.

MATERIALS

Twilleys Stalite Perlespun No. 3.

1 [1, 2, 2, 2, 2] x 400g cones in White C78 (MC).

1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in Blue C36 (A).

1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in Gold C171 (B).

The fibre content of this yarn is 100% Mercerised Cotton. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - Twilleys of Stamford, Roman Mill, Stamford, Lincs PE9 1BG.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 87 [92, 97, 102, 107, 112] cm, 34 [36, 38, 40, 42, 44] in. Actual size 105 [110, 116, 121, 127, 132] cm, 41 1/4 [43 1/4, 45 3/4, 47 3/4, 50, 52] in.

Length to shoulder 66 cm, 26 in.

Sleeve seam 45 [45, 45, 47.5, 47.5, 47.5] cm, 17 3/4 [17 3/4, 17 3/4, 18 3/4, 18 3/4, 18 3/4] in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

29 stitches and 39 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over stocking stitch (tension dial setting approximately 7).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Punch cards, as shown, before starting to knit. Always twist yarns together when changing colours in intarsia to prevent a hole forming.

PATTERN A

Insert punchcard 1 and lock on first row. K 4 rows MC. * K 4 rows A and 12 rows MC. Rep from * twice more. K 4 rows A. Release card and cont in Fair Isle. Using MT+1 and with MC in feeder 1(A) and B in feeder 2(B), K 12 rows. Remove card. Insert punchcard 2 and lock on first row. Cont in st st. Using MT, K 12 rows A, 12 rows B and 6 rows MC. Release card and cont in Fair Isle. Using MT+1 and with A in feeder 1(A) and MC in feeder 2(B), K 14 rows. Remove card and replace in machine upside-down and back to front and lock on first row. Cont in st st. Using MT, K 6 rows A. Release card and cont in Fair Isle. Using MT+1 and with B in feeder 1(A) and A in feeder 2(B), K 14 rows. Remove card. Cont in st st. Using MT, K 6 rows B and 6 rows A. Cont in intarsia from chart, K 38 rows. Insert punchcard 1 and lock on first row. Cont in st st. K 8 rows A and 4 rows MC. Release card and cont in Fair Isle. Using MT+1 and with B in feeder 1(A) and A in feeder 2(B), K 12 rows. Cont in st st. Using MT, K 12 rows MC and 4 rows B. Cont in A.

PATTERN B

K 6 rows MC. * K 4 rows A and 12 rows MC. Rep from * 4 times more. K 4 rows B. Insert punchcard 2 and lock on first row. K 6 rows MC. Release card and cont in Fair Isle. Using MT+1 and with A in feeder 1(A) and MC in feeder 2(B), K 14 rows. Remove card and replace in machine upside-down and back to front and lock on first row. Cont in st st. Using MT, K 6 rows A. Release card and cont in Fair Isle. Using MT+1 and with B in feeder 1(A) and A in feeder 2(B), K 14 rows. Remove card. Cont in st st. Using MT, K 6 rows B. Cont in A.

1ST AND 2ND SIZES

Inc 1 st at each end.

5TH AND 6TH SIZES

Inc 1 st at right edge.

ALL SIZES

76 [76, 80, 80, 84, 84] sts.

ALL MACHINES

Set RC at 000. Using MT, cont in patt B, K 2 rows. Shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 4th row until there are 140 [140, 144, 144, 148, 148] sts. K 23 [23, 23, 31, 31, 31] rows. RC shows 150 [150, 150, 158, 158, 158] and work measures 45 [45, 45, 47.5, 47.5, 47.5] cm, 17 3/4 [17 3/4, 17 3/4, 18 3/4, 18 3/4, 18 3/4] in. Cast off.

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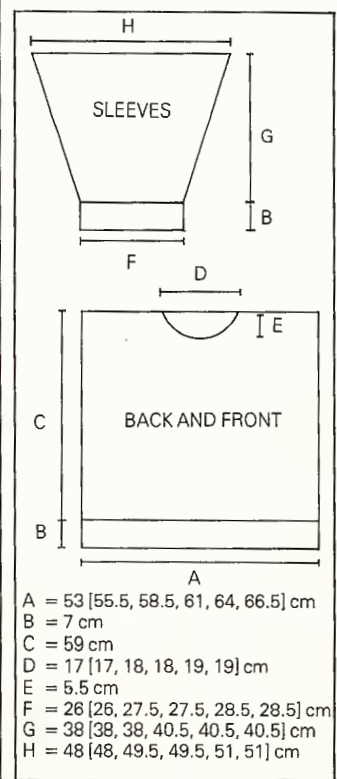
Join right shoulder seam.

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on 124 [124, 128, 128, 136, 136] sts in 1x1 rib. K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4/MT-4, K 18 rows. Using A, K 2 rows. Using MT+1, K 1 row. Using MT-4/MT-4, K 2 rows. Using MC, K 18 rows. Transfer sts for st st. K 1 row.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 125 [125, 128, 128, 137, 137] Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-1 and MC, K 10 rows. Using MT-2, K 8 rows. Using A, K 5 rows. Using MC, K 8 rows. Using MT-1, K 10 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly







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along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed. K 1 row. Dec 1 [1, 0, 0, 1, 1] st. 124 [124, 128, 128, 136, 136] sts.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, pick up 52 [52, 54, 54, 58, 58] sts across back neck, 25 sts down right side of front neck, 22 [22, 24, 24, 28, 28] sts across front neck and 25 sts up left side of front neck and place on to Ns. Using MT+3, K 1 row. Cast off.

PRESSING

With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Press carefully following instructions on cone band.

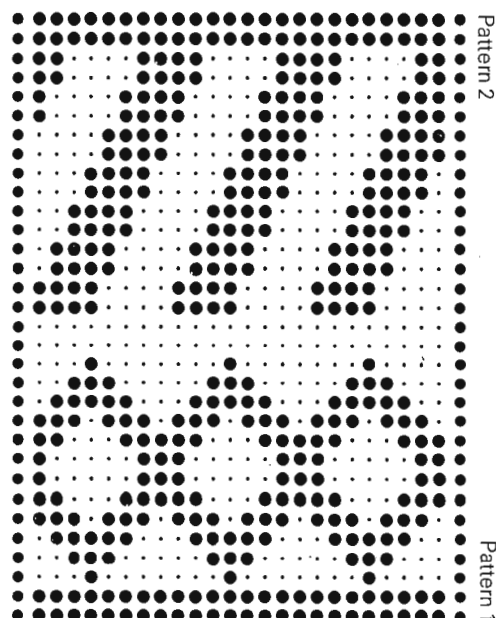
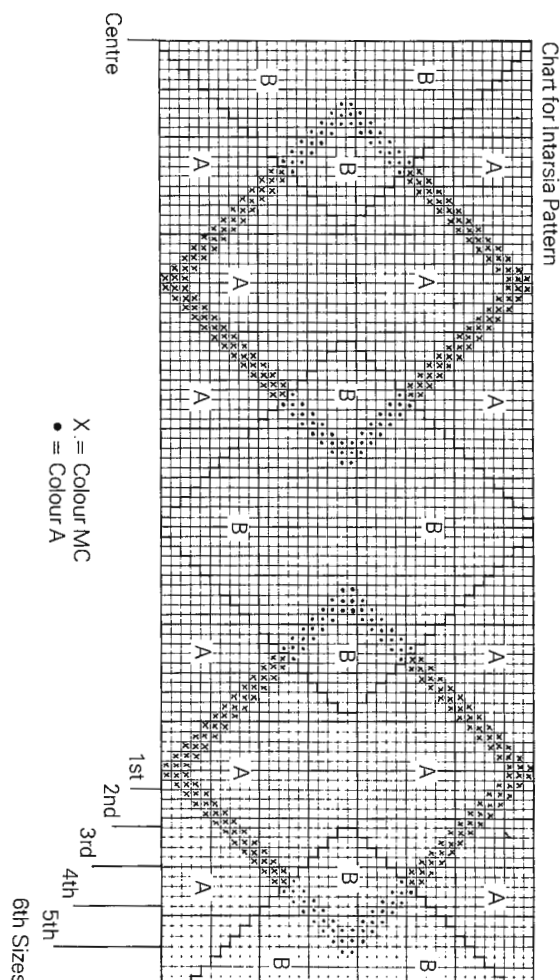
MAKING UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Set in sleeves, matching centre to shoulder seams. Join side and sleeve seams.

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

Fold neckband in half to inside and slip stitch in place.

Chart shows sts from centre to right edge; for left side sts, work chart in reverse



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PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for Pfaff or Passap Duomatic machines.

MATERIALS

Denys Brunton Fantasia

1 [1, 1, 1] X 350g cone in Blue Mix (MY).

The fibre content of this yarn is 100% Acrylic. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - Denys Brunton Designer Yarns, Moorland Mills, Law Street, Bradford Road, Clackheaton, West Yorkshire BD19 3QR.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is fine to medium fine weight and knits as two to three ply.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 87 [92, 97, 102] cm, 34 [36, 38, 40] in.

Actual size 98 [102, 107, 112] cm, 38½ [40¼, 42, 44] in.

Length to shoulder 53.5 cm, 21 in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

100 stitches to 38 cm and 100 rows to 26 cm, measured over stocking stitch using two strands of yarn together and after steaming lightly (stitch size setting approximately 7).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Use two strands of yarn together throughout. When shaping with pushers, always take yarn round first inside N with a pusher in rest position to prevent a hole forming. Thread each strand through a separate tension disc and tension wire, then put them together through the bobbin eyelet.

BACK

Handle up. Orange strippers. Set up 132 [138, 144, 150] Ns on each bed in WP. Arrange Ns for 1x1 rib. Set lock on N/N and stitch size to 2/2. Using two strands of MY tog, K 1 row. Set lock on CX/CX and stitch size to 3/3, K 3 rows. Set RC at 000. Set lock on N/N and stitch size to 4/4, K 24 rows. Transfer all sts to front bed. Push empty Ns to NWP. Black strippers. Set RC at 000. Set lock on GX/N and stitch size to 7. K 114 [114, 110, 110] rows. Work measures 34.5 [34.5, 33.5, 33.5] cm, 13½ [13½, 13¼, 13¼] in.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every foll alt row until 88 [94, 100, 106] sts rem *. K 42 [42, 46, 46] rows. RC shows 188 and work measures 53.5 cm, 21 in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 5 [6, 6, 7] sts at beg of next 6 rows and 6 [6, 8, 8] sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Cast off rem 46 [46, 48, 48] sts.

FRONT

Work as for back to *. K 16 [16, 20, 20] rows. 26 rows less have been worked to shoulder than on back.

SHAPE NECK

Using a length of MY (two strands), cast off centre 30 [30, 32, 32] sts. Using a length of WY, K sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. K 2 rows. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next and every foll

alt row until 21 [24, 26, 29] sts rem. K 9 rows.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 5 [6, 6, 7] sts at beg of next and foll 2 alt rows, K 1 row. Cast off rem 6 [6, 8, 8] sts. Unravel WY, bringing Ns back to WP. Finish to correspond with first side, reversing shapings.

ARMHOLE BANDS

Handle up. Orange strippers. Set up 136 [136, 140, 140] Ns on each bed in WP. Arrange Ns for 1x1 rib. Set lock on N/N and stitch size to 2/2. Using two strands of MY tog, K 1 row. Set lock on CX/CX and stitch size to 3/3, K 3 rows. Set RC at 000. Set lock on N/N and stitch size to 4¼/4¼, K 12 rows. Transfer all sts to front bed. Push empty Ns to NWP. Black strippers. Set lock on GX/N. Using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

COLLAR

Handle up. Orange strippers. Set up 159 [161, 163, 165] Ns on each bed in WP. Arrange Ns for 1x1 rib. Set lock on N/N and stitch size to 2/2. Using two strands of MY tog, K 1 row. Set lock on CX/CX and stitch size to 3/3, K 3 rows. Set RC at 000. Set lock on N/N and stitch size to 4½/4½, K 12 rows. Set stitch size to 4¼/4¼, K 12 rows. Put a pusher into WP under every N in WP on each bed. Set lock on BX/BX. Put 28 [28, 30, 30] pushers on each bed at opposite end to lock into rest position on next 2 rows. Return 5 [5, 6, 6] inside pushers on each bed at opposite end to lock from rest position to WP on next 4 rows. Return 6 inside pushers on each bed at opposite end to lock from rest position to WP on next 6 rows. Transfer all sts to front bed. Push empty Ns to NWP. Put all pushers into blocking rail. Set lock on GX/N and stitch size to 7, K 1

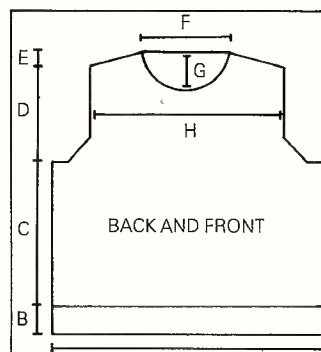
row. Using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

PRESSING

Pin out all pieces to measurements given. Lightly steam omitting ribbing.

MAKING UP

Join shoulder seams. Pin armhole bands into position. Unravelling WY as required, backstitch through open loops of last row worked in MY. Join side seams. Sew collar into position with ends at centre front. Join centre front seam for 2 cm.



A = 50 [52, 54.5, 57] cm
B = 5 cm
C = 29.5 [29.5, 28.5, 28.5] cm
D = 19 [19, 20, 20] cm
E = 2 cm
F = 17.5 [17.5, 18.5, 18.5] cm
G = 9 cm
H = 33 [35.5, 38, 40] cm

DUOMATIC UPDATE

I hope that you have all managed to find enough time to try out some of last month's cast on methods and edgings. This month I will give you some more edgings to add to your collection.

1) This is a pretty edging for baby clothes or for a plain sweater. Diagram I gives you the needle and pusher set up for the scallops and you will see that I have used four pushers in WP and one in rest across the work. You can change the number of pushers in WP to suit your garment. Remember to keep the needles on back and front bed

with pushers out of work next to each other, as in the diagram, so that you get a nice clean curve on the scallops.

Use orange strippers and handle down. Make a racking cast on then set lock to BX/BX and knit 8 rows (more if you like). Set lock to N/N and continue knitting. See photograph.

It is possible to knit this using the lock setting AX/AX instead of BX/BX after the cast on. If you do this, remember that the needles without pushers will be collecting loops so the number of rows you can knit in AX/AX will depend on

the yarn you are using.

Either of these edgings looks good with the racking cast on knitted in a contrast colour or Lurex for an evening garment.

2) Diagram II shows the set up for another fancy edge. It is one which I have often used for a single neckband.

Set up for 1x1 rib, knit one row N/N. Knit two rows CX/CX. Put handle down and push up all the in between needles on the back bed. Set lock to N/N and knit two or three rows. Push up all the in between needles on the front bed and continue knitting.

A variation on the above (see photograph) is knitted with the same needle settings. Arrange needles for 1x1 rib. Set lock to N/N, knit one row. Set lock to CX/EX, knit two rows. Handle down. Push up all in between needles on the back bed, set lock to N/N and knit two or three rows. Push up all in between needles on the front bed and continue knitting.

3) I have not given a diagram for this as it is so easy to describe.

Set up for 1x1 rib. Set lock to N/N, knit one row. Set lock to CX/CX, knit two rows. Set lock to N/N and knit four rows of 1x1 rib. Handle down, push up all the in between needles on both beds. Set lock to CX/CX and knit 16 rows (more if you like). Change to black strippers as soon as possible and increase the stitch size by 1/4 after every four rows (adjust this according to the yarn you are using). This is very good for a neckband as the knitting curves (see photograph).

4) This is not really an edging but I am including it as it is useful for cuffs and perhaps a polo neck.

Set up for work as in Diagram III using an extra back needle at left of work. Make a tubular cast on and knit one row rib, then knit:- 4 rows N/AXO in main colour, 2 rows GX/N in contrast.

These six rows form the pattern so repeat them until your work is the required depth. A fancy yarn or Lurex makes a good contrast yarn. I have used this stitch for a whole garment as well as just collar and cuffs.

5) Number five is a frilly edge. It takes time to knit as the transfers are worked by hand but it is worth knitting as it is so pretty. Set up as Diagram IV. The pattern is worked over three stitches so if you want to use this edge for a garment make sure that you have a number divisible by three plus edge stitches for seams.

Handle down, cast on with two tubular rows, then knit one row full needle rib. * Transfer stitches marked 1 and 3 to needle 2 (needle 2 has three stitches and an empty needle at each side (leavy empty needles in WP). Knit 4 rows *. Repeat from * to * four or five times or as required, then continue knitting in full needle rib.

6) This is another edging which requires manual transfer so again it will slow you down but it is well worth the trouble.

Set up and cast on for 1x1 rib. Handle down. Arrange needles as Diagram V (use heel of stitch to fill empty needles). Knit three rows rib then ** cable by crossing stitches 1 and 2 with stitches 3 and 4 all across front bed, knit six rows **. Repeat from ** to ** to required depth.

For a slightly less time consuming edge try cabling on alternate sets of front bed needles instead of every set. This looks good on a plain four ply sweater.

7) If at any time you need a rib which does not pull in, perhaps for

DIAGRAM I



DIAGRAM II

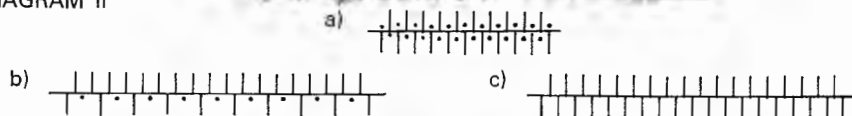


DIAGRAM III

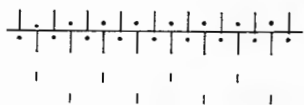


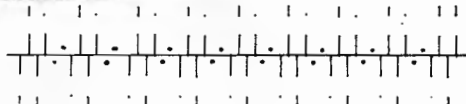
DIAGRAM IV



DIAGRAM V



DIAGRAM VI



a sideways button or buttonhole band, then try setting up and casting on for a 2x1 rib with two tubular rows, then knit:- 2 rows N/N, 2 rows CX/CX. Repeat these four rows to required depth. If you want to make buttonholes then make them after row one of the two N/N rows. Finish with two rows N/N.

8) Another border which does not pull in is one which you probably know but I will include it for the benefit of new knitters.

Set up and cast on as for full needle rib with two tubular rows. Knit 4 rows N/N. * Knit 8 rows GX/N, knit 4 rows N/N *. Repeat from * to * as many times as necessary. Try this one with different combinations of rows perhaps 6 rows GX/N, 2 rows N/N. This stitch makes a very nice border for a jacket.

9) There are many variations of "crochet stitch" which can be knitted on the Duomatic. Try this as an edging. Cast on for 2x1 rib, rack, knit 1 row rib then rack back and set up as Diagram VI (notice that there is a pusher in WP under the end needles on both beds. Knit as follows:- * Knit 4 to 8 rows (depending on yarn) AX/AX. Rack one turn to left, knit 2 rows N/N, rack one turn to right *. Repeat * to *. A fine smooth yarn looks best for this.*

I hope that you can find something which you like amongst these edgings. If, however you prefer a plain, hand

stitched, stocking stitch hem then here is a tip to help you sew along a straight line. Knit the hem to double the finished depth and bring a pusher from the rail for every needle. Arrange pushers with four in WP, one in rest across work, knit one row with lock set to GX/BX. Continue knitting the garment as usual. The BX row will give you a row of little slip stitch loops to mark your sewing line. This can be adapted to help you knit a waistband on a stocking stitch skirt. Knit to top of skirt and beginning of waistband. Arrange pushers, one in WP, one in rest position across row, knit 1 row GX/BX, then knit GX/N to double required depth of band. Drop front bed, pick up loops from the BX row and put them on to alternate needles then cast off.

The borders 1) to 7) will be improved by putting a fine knitting needle through the first row of cast on loops and then pulling the needle to straighten the edge of the hem. This, of course, is done after the garment has been removed from the machine.

I have knitted some of the borders for you to see but the rest are DIY for you to try for yourself. If you knit them and keep your samples, then you will have a small collection to refer to when you want something different at the edge of your garment. Until next month.

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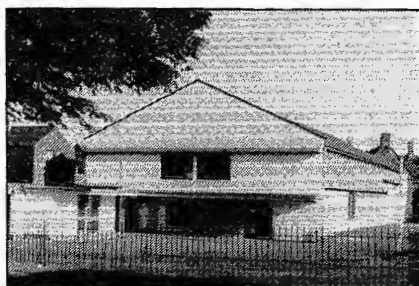
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LATCH ON

IS YOUR MACHINE "DEEP-DOWN" CLEAN?

Troubles, they say, never come singly. I have found the same to be true about machine knitting queries. Within the space of about ten days two members of my Knitting Club came to me with problems. They both complained that the patterning mechanism on their machines was faulty. These were not the same model of machine – one was a punchcard machine, the other patterned with the use of buttons. However, in both cases I diagnosed the lack of oil.

One was a new member, using a second-hand machine, so I showed her the moving parts on the underside of the carriage. We wiped these over with a soft cloth (she was amazed at the black "goo" that appeared), then we wiped again with an oily rag. A mere spot of oil on the back and front runners of the machine and her "fault" was cured.

The second lady was an old hand, she assured me her husband had regularly sprayed the machine with oil, which suggested two mistakes. I strongly suspected that the "spray" was WD40. This is a product that is intended for spraying the plugs of the car when it won't start on a damp morning – and excellent it is for this purpose. I once read a suggestion (and I expect my colleague read it as well) that this spray be used for knitting machines. I awoke to the fact that something was wrong when I saw a yellowish tinge appearing on the ribber. (Walking into a room, the ribber catches one's eye more easily than the main bed.) I wiped this offending mess off with a cloth moistened with methylated spirit. Now for a word about methylated spirit. Just lately there has been "chat" about using this – some "experts" say that surgical spirit should be used, not meths. A talk with my pharmacist daughter put me right on this. Methylated spirit is, by and large, surgical spirit with a mauve dye added to make it appear unpalatable to anyone attempting to drink it. (I don't think this works for the confirmed meths drinker, but that's another story). She (my daughter) was of the opinion that either would do equally well for our purpose, which is to remove the oil that has built up, while the liquid itself evaporates.

I remember my colleague and I retired to the Ladies' Cloakroom for our discussion. She had

brought her carriage to the meeting and we found we could not have a serious conversation while all around us other members were deep in discussion about their latest creation, or buying yarn for the next one! It was quite a fortunate choice of venue, as it happens. I soon spotted the tell tale yellowish tinge on the underside of the carriage. Having nothing better to hand, I took a paper towel and gave a rub. Nothing happened. So I carefully moistened a corner of paper towel and rubbed it across the bar of soap. Applied to a non-moving part, this soon removed our film. (I was very careful to dry it off after treatment, I didn't want to be presented with a problem of rust at a future meeting!) I then suggested that my friend oil her machine with baby oil – this was recommended by Knitmaster many years ago and I have been using it ever since with no ill effects. Sewing machine oil and bicycle oil will go yellow with age. Used on a knitting machine this stain never marks tension pieces, but will appear on any light knitting you happen to be doing. (Murphy's Law, or something similar!) Perfume also has a habit of going yellow in the bottle if left exposed to the light. So if the oil doesn't stain your best white jumper, you may find that Chanel No. 5 has! (I can only suggest solid perfume, if you want a remedy for this.)

While we are talking about cleaning the machine, there is a new product which has appeared lately called a "Cat Tail brush". This is a long wire handle with a very short-bristled brush on the end. One uses it by removing the

needle retaining bar (the one you take out when changing a needle). Then, without taking out any needles, you push the brush right down the length of the channel, until the brush appears the other end, covered in yarn fluff. (Remove this before you pull the brush back, or you may deposit it inside the machine all over again.) One of the members of my Knitting Club was careful to point this out to me when I was walking round with my new purchase under my arm. Having got a new "toy" I was eager to try it out, so when I got home after the meeting I went into my knitting room to "have a go". I had work on my standard machine, but the chunky one (Jones/Brother 260) was free, so I tried it out on that. It happens that this machine is longer than average, so the brush never did come out at the other end; I had to pull it back, full of fluff. However, some specks were adhering to the brush, so it must have removed something. When my chunky machine comes to having its annual spring-clean (usually in the summer) I shall give it my personal inspection. I take out the needle retaining bar, remove all the needles and drop them in a bowl of water with detergent added. Then I take a torch and hold it above the needle bed, while bending down and looking down the channel where I have removed the needle retaining bar. It sounds as though one needs to be a bit of a contortionist to do this, but it's not as bad as all that. The light from the torch immediately shows up where the fluff has accumulated. I have been using my cat tail brush on the standard machine for some months now, so for the purpose of this article I gave my "torch treatment" to this machine. There was a little fluff when I first looked, after one "brush" all appeared clean. I was a little dubious about this brush at first, I had an idea that we might be building up a mass of fibres where the brush did not touch, thus lulling ourselves into a false sense of security. You will be wondering why I didn't have a look at the chunky machine. Well, that's not so easy. It is on a very heavy table

which has to be moved to get the needle retaining bar out – my knitting room is a very small one! Since I am just recovering from the 'flu, I do not feel disposed to move heavy furniture but I shall certainly have a look at it before I make another garment on this machine.

All this time I have left my needles soaking in a bath of detergent (metaphorically speaking!). Sometimes it is necessary to give them a rub to remove old oil, then they are wiped clean and finally rubbed across a cloth soaked in baby oil. I also wipe the needle bed clean and put the merest spot of oil on the front and back runners. I am very careful not to let oil drip down the needle channels. There are some working parts under this section, some models of machine have more than others. So the rule for all machines is keep oil off the needle bed to be on the safe side.

When all the metal parts have been dealt with, I like to give a little polish to the plastic parts of the case, using my ordinary furniture polish on a duster – again used sparingly. I have to be careful at this stage. I have a habit of writing myself notes with a pencil on the plastic parts. Usually it's a number referring to stitches or rows, so I have to do my polishing when a garment is finished, or I might remove something vital to the next step. Why don't I use a notebook? Well I do if it is something that I need to know in the future, but the number of stitches and rows varies with every garment and it can be fatal to use one set of figures for the next sweater, as I learned to my cost many years ago.

If anyone has been following closely they may remember that I mentioned my colleague had made two mistakes in oiling her machine. The first was using WD40. The second? That was allowing (persuading?) her husband to do it for her. It is very kind of husbands to help in this way, but it may be that the gentleman is not at home, or is in the garden, or even watching "Match of the Day" when "she" wants her machine oiled. "He" won't be best pleased if called away just to oil a wretched knitting machine (his words, not mine!). Chances are, "she" will omit this step and after a time or two the machine complains. When should you oil a machine? Once a week, having wiped off the surfaces first. "But I haven't used my machine for ages" I am told. "All the more reason to oil it" is my usual reply. And if anyone is interested, I don't have shares in any sort of oil company!

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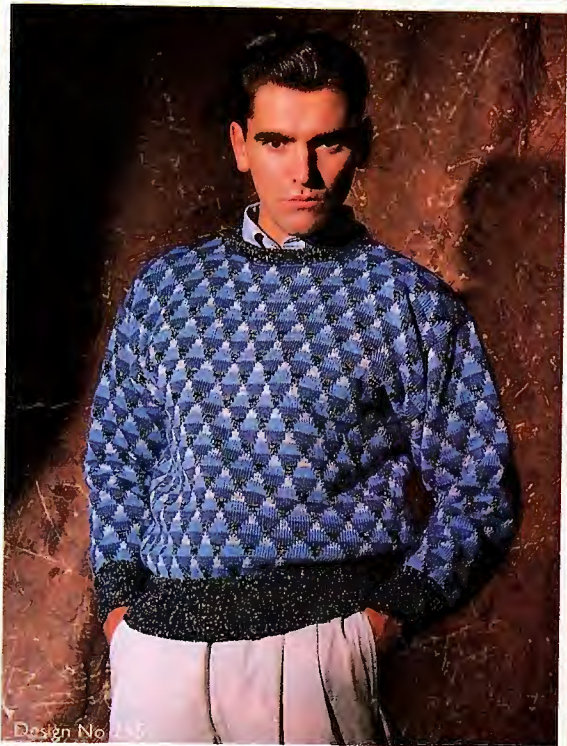
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NEW
Special Effects
mini cones

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AUTUMN EFFECTS



Big news for machine knitters! Studley announces a brand new range of 4 ply cones in easy care Courtelle acrylic fibre. Forty shades are launched to ensure that the knitter has a superb choice of fashion and classic colours. Each cone contains 500g of yarn.

Two brand new machine knitting books are to be published. Booklet No.9 features an exciting fashion approach with appealing stitch patterns and colour combinations whilst, booklet No.8 covers the basic designs and garment shapings which form the backbone of the knitters requirements.

NEW 'COLOUR EFFECTS'

Studley invites machine knitters to inject a sparkle into their knitting with an exciting new concept in coned yarn.

A note of inspiration is introduced with a fabulous selection of 'Special Effects' colours. On 50g mini cones, they are knitted with Studley 4 ply yarn to create a totally original fashion look, right before the knitter's eyes!

With their own colourful point of sale card branding, the three different types of 'Special Effects' cones in a total of five colours will be easy to spot in the shops and are sure to capture the knitter's imagination. Depending upon the pattern being used, a 50g mini cone can contain enough yarn to last through a full 500g 4 ply cone. It will not affect the 4 ply tension.

Eight individual patterns have been produced to exploit the possibilities of the mini cone concept — though these are only a starting point for the creative knitter who's only limitation is her own imagination.

If you would like more information about these exciting new Studley yarns, write to Studley Wools, Stockhill Road, Greengates, Bradford BD10 9TE.





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BACK

Insert card A and lock on first row. Push 73 [85, 97] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 146 [170, 194] Ns. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-1 and MC, K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. K 130 [134, 138] rows. RC shows 131 [135, 139] and work measures 36 [37, 38] cm, 14 1/4 [14 1/2, 15] in. Place marker at each end **. K 84 rows. RC shows 215 [219, 223] and work measures 59.5 [60.5, 61.5] cm, 23 1/2 [23 3/4, 24 1/4] in.

SHAPE NECK AND SHOULDERS

Note patt row on card. Using nylon cord, K 99 [114, 129] sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. Cast off 7 [9, 11] sts at beg of next row and 5 sts at beg of next row. * Dec 1 st at neck edge and cast off 7 [9, 11] sts at beg of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge of next row. Rep from * once more. Dec 1 st at neck edge and cast off 7 [9, 11] sts at beg of next row, K 1 row. Cast off rem 9 [10, 11] sts. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over 52 [58, 64] Ns at right bringing Ns back to WP. Using WY, K a few rows in st st and release from machine. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over rem Ns bringing Ns back to WP. Lock card on number previously noted. Take carriage to left without knitting. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Finish to correspond with first side reversing shapings.

FRONT

Work as for back to **. K 52 rows. 32 rows less have been worked to shoulder than on back.

SHAPE NECK

Note patt row on card. Using nylon cord, K 89 [104, 119] sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. K 1 row. Cast off 5 sts at beg of next and foll alt row. Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 6 rows. Dec 1 st at neck edge of next and every foll alt row until 37 [46, 55] sts rem. K 15 rows.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 7 [9, 11] sts at beg of next and foll 3 alt rows, K 1 row. Cast off rem 9 [10, 11] sts. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over 32 [38, 44] Ns at right bringing Ns back to WP. Using WY, K a few rows in st st and release from machine. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over rem Ns bringing Ns back to WP. Lock card on number previously noted. Take carriage to left without knitting. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Finish to correspond with first side reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Insert card A and lock on first row. Push 71 Ns at left and right of

3 WOMAN'S FAIR ISLE SWEATER

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge punchcard and electronic machines with or without a ribber.

MATERIALS

Studley Machine Knitting 4-ply cones:
1 (1, 1) x 500g cone in Blue 6215 (MC).
1 (1, 1) x 500g cone in Pink 6209 (A).
Studley Special Effects:
1 (1, 1) x 50g cone in 6431 (B).

The fibre content of Machine Knitting 4-ply is 100% Combed, Special Effects is 100% Acrylic. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - Studley Woods Ltd, Stockhill Road, Greengates, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD10 9TE.

YARN THICKNESS

Machine Knitting four ply knitted together with Special Effects is medium weight and knits as four ply.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 82-87 (92-102, 107-112) cm, 32-34 (36-40, 42-44) in.
Actual size 98 (112, 128) cm, 37 3/4 (44, 50 1/2) in.
Length to shoulder 67 (68, 69) cm, 26 3/4 (26 3/4, 27 1/4) in.
Sleeve seam with cuff folded back 43.5 (45.5, 48) cm, 17 1/4 (18, 19) in.
Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

30 stitches and 36 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over Fair Isle patterns (tension dial setting approximately 9).
30 stitches and 40 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over stocking stitch on MT-1 (tension dial setting approximately 8).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used left side of knitting as right side of garment. Punchcards, as shown, before starting to knit. Fill in pattern cards as shown, before starting to knit.

KNITMASTER ELECTRONIC MACHINES

Place needle 1 cam at centre 0.

BROTHER MACHINES

Position patterns at each side of centre 0. Set machine to knit first 3 rows of patt B, then to repeat last 16 rows throughout. Use A and B tog throughout.

STUDLEY SPECIAL EFFECTS

To obtain an evenly mottled effect, the Special Effects yarn needs to be wound round the plain 4-ply yarn. To do this, use a cardboard box three to four inches longer than the plain cone; make a hole about one inch diameter in the bottom of the box then upturn the box over the cone. Bring the plain yarn up through the hole and then through the centre of the cone of Special Effects yarn, placing the cone over the hole. Thread both yarns together through your machine.

FAIR ISLE PATTERN

PUNCHCARD MACHINES

Using MT and with MC in feeder 1(A) and A and B tog in feeder 2(B), K 120 [124, 128] rows. Remove card. Insert card B and lock on first row. Cont in st st. Using MT-1, K 2 rows MC, 2 rows A and B tog, 2 rows MC, 2 rows A and B tog and 2 rows MC. Release card and cont in Fair Isle. Using MT and with A and B tog in feeder 1(A) and MC in feeder 2(B), K 4 rows. Remove card. Insert card C and set to first row without locking. Cont using colours as set.

ELECTRONIC MACHINES

Using MT and with MC in feeder 1(A) and A and B tog in feeder 2(B), K 120 [124, 128] rows. Remove card. Insert card B and lock on first row. Cont in st st. Using MT-1, K 2 rows MC, 2 rows A and B tog, 2 rows MC, 2 rows A and B tog and 2 rows MC. Release card and cont in Fair Isle. Using MT, cont with A and B tog in feeder 1(A) and MC in feeder 2(B).

centre 0 to WP. 142 Ns. Using MC, cast on by hand. Set RC at 000. Using MT-1, K 2 rows MC, 2 rows A and B tog, 2 rows MC, 2 rows A and B tog and 2 rows MC. Release card and cont in Fair Isle with MC in feeder 1(A) and A and B tog in feeder 2(B). Using MT, shape sides by dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll 4th row until 84 sts rem. K 7 [15, 23] rows. Cont in st st. Using MT-1 and MC, K 1 row. RC shows 131 [139, 147] and work measures 36 [38, 40.5] cm, 14 1/4 [15, 16] in. Using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

WELTS

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on 128 [148, 168] sts in 1x1 rib. K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-6/MT-6, K 30 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 128 [149, 170] Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4 and MC, K 61 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, replace 146 [170, 194] sts from lower edge on to Ns gathering evenly. Using MT+1, K 2 rows. Cast off.

CUFFS

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on 64 sts in 1x1 rib. K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-6/MT-6, K 60 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 65 Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4 and MC, K 121 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, replace sts from lower edge of sleeve on to Ns gathering evenly. Using MT+1, K 2 rows. Cast off.

NECK BORDER

Join right shoulder seam. Push 176 [188, 200] Ns to WP. With P side facing, pick up 176 [188, 200] sts around neck edge and place

on to Ns. Set RC at 000. Using MT-1, K 2 rows MC, 2 rows A and B tog, 2 rows MC, 2 rows A and B tog and 2 rows MC. Using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

NECKBAND

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1×1 rib. Using MC, cast on 144 [152, 160] sts in 1×1 rib. K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1×1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-6/MT-6, K 30 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 143 [152, 161] Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4 and MC, K 8 rows. Using MT-3, K 15 rows. Using MT-4, K 8 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP

and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, pick up sts around neck border edge and place on to Ns gathering evenly. Using MT+1, K 2 rows. Cast off.

PRESSING

With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Press carefully following instructions on cone band.

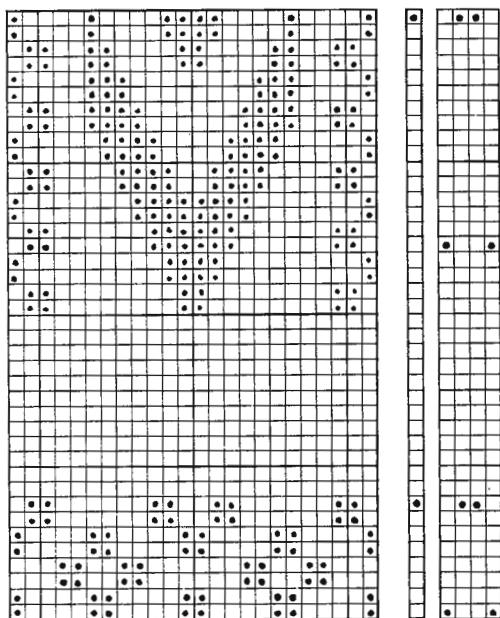
MAKING UP

Join left shoulder, neck border and neckband seam. Set in sleeves between markers. Join side and sleeve seams. Fold cuffs back.

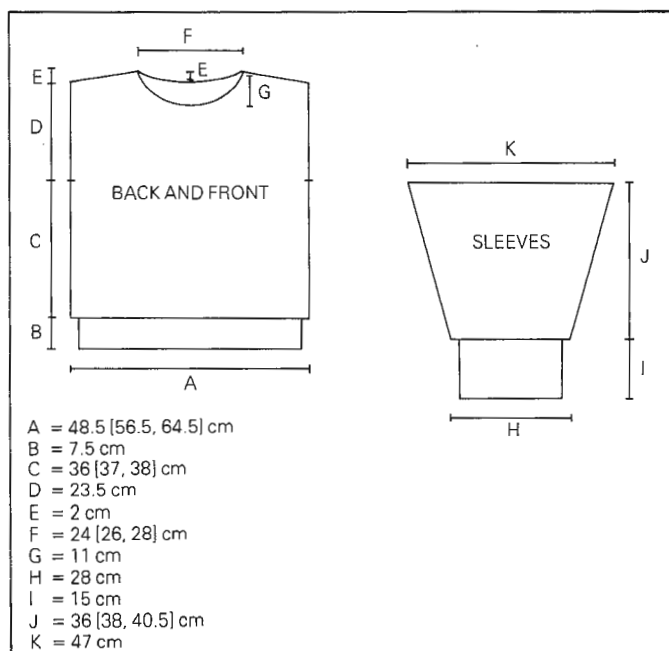
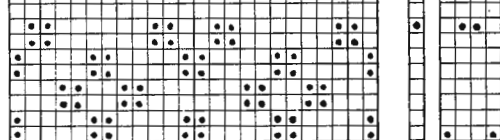
MACHINES WITH RIBBER

Fold neckband in half to inside and catch down.

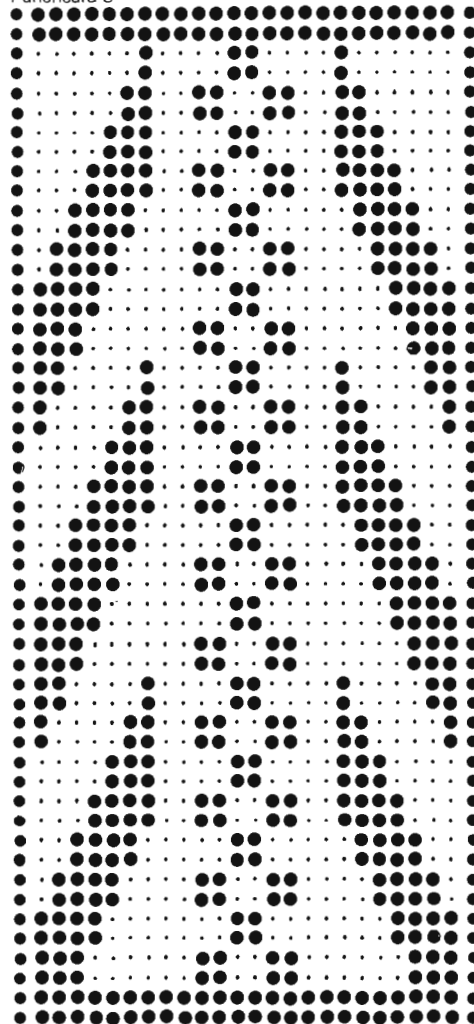
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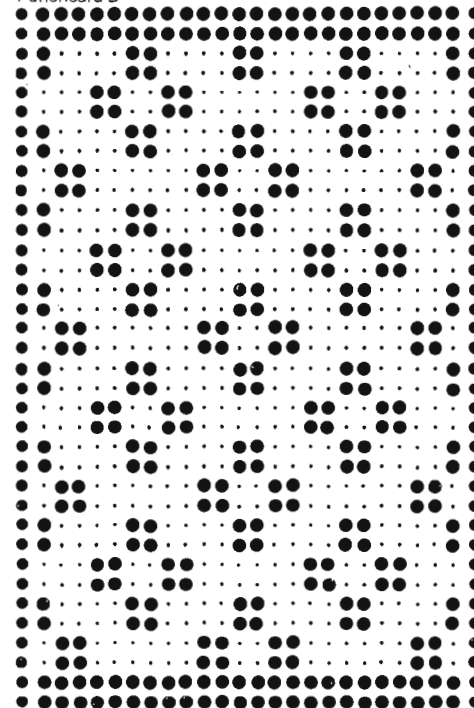
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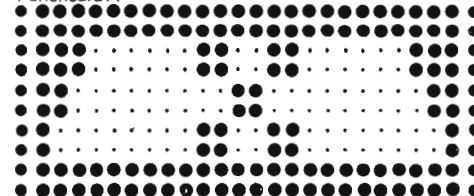
Punchcard C



Punchcard B



Punchcard A



Many A Mickle - into 1990

Many A Mickle is one of the leading mail order suppliers of natural yarns on cone for machine knitters, and the annual publication of the Book of Natural Yarns - their shade book of yarns and colours for the coming year - is eagerly awaited by knitters and designers alike.

This autumn sees Many A Mickle full of new ideas and colours. Peter Mickelborough, owner of Many A Mickle, says he is very optimistic and excited about the coming season: "You have to keep developing new yarns and products. You cannot become static. I am very pleased with the new yarns and colours in the Book of Natural Yarns, and the new Summit Collection." More news on the Summit Collection later on.

THE BOOK OF NATURAL YARNS 1989-90



This annual collection of natural yarns on cone has become a 'must' for machine knitters and designers. Containing almost 400 yarns and colours, in wools, cottons, alpaca and mohairs, it is an essential guide. All the yarns are available from Many A Mickle by mail order, and it

is an inspiration to see that number of yarns and colours in one beautifully laid-out collection, together with fibre content, washing instructions and suggested machine setting and tension square for every yarn.

SHETLAND WOOL

Many A Mickle has always offered a huge selection of colours in Shetland Wool and this year is no exception. A change of spinner means lots of new colours, with all the basics kept in the range, but some delightful new mixtures making up this collection of 90 shades.

Shetland wool is offered in 1000g and 400g cones, and the unique Many A Mickle service is still available, where you can buy as little as 50g of a colour. This is ideal when making multi-colour sweaters and a real boon when you need 450g or 600g for a particular pattern.

2 PLY and 4 PLY MACHINE WASH WOOL

This year Many A Mickle are offering 15 colours of their very popular Machine Wash wool in 2 ply weight. If you enjoy knitting finer fabrics, or want to try double bed jacquard, this 2 ply wool is ideal. It comes in handy 250g cones. Both weights of Machine Wash wool are very smooth to the skin, have no tendency to pill, and are simple to wash. Look for the three new colours this year, bringing the range of 4 ply to 39 colours!

LAKES COTTON/LINEN

One of the most unusual yarns to be seen for a while, Lakes is made from a very fine cotton/linen fibre spun as a chain, and wrapped with a varying colour fine thread. The effect is to give a very lightweight yarn that knits to a substantial fabric. The varying colour of the wrapping thread gives a subtle random dye effect. Everyone who has seen and tried the early samples of this yarn has been delighted with it.

WATERWAYS FINE MOHAIR

Six new colours join the Waterways range of Fine 80% Mohair for standard gauge machines. Pale pink, mauve, blue and grey plus bright turquoise and cyclamen add sparkle to this very popular range of yarn on 350g cones. And Many A Mickle's prices for Mohair are very keen!

REGULAR FAVOURITES

Many of the yarns introduced last year have become firm favourites with knitters and designers, and these continue straight into 1990: Guernsey 5 ply wool, very popular for those traditional sweaters; Botany Wool in 2 ply and 4 ply weights, a beautiful selection of colours; Slub Cotton in 19 shades, a winner for the summer making a very soft fabric; Brushed Alpaca, knits so well on the standard gauge machine.

NEW COLOURS

There are new colours in Luxury Mohair, and do check the prices for all of Many A Mickle's Mohair yarns. They brought prices tumbling down in the Spring, and are keeping them very low. The popular Aran pure new wool range on 1000g cones gets 5 new colours this season - charcoal grey, royal, kingfisher, violet and bottle green.

THE SUMMIT COLLECTION

In a completely new direction, Many A Mickle have for the first time introduced a collection of yarns in man-made fibres. "We have had so many requests for a good quality range of 4 ply acrylic yarn that we had to respond," says Peter Mickelborough. "And the fancy yarns are just irresistible, and so different that we just had to include them."



The Summit Collection includes 43 beautiful colours of top quality 4 ply high bulk acrylic at a very low price, plus four different ranges of fancy yarns: Tropic, Summer Twist, Highlight and Mediterranean. These unique yarns all knit on a standard gauge machine, and make fabrics that are quite special.

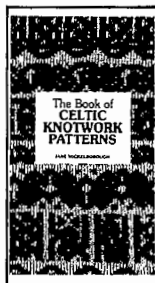
The Summit Collection is a separate shade card sent automatically with the Book of Natural Yarns.

KNITTING MACHINES FROM MANY A MICKLE

A new service this year for Many A Mickle customers - now you can buy your Brother or Knitmaster knitting machine by mail order, direct from Many A Mickle. You can buy the very latest machine and have it delivered straight to your door. Prices are very competitive, and, of course, you are dealing with an established company that you can trust.

In addition, Many A Mickle are selling the excellent Hague linkers. Details of all these machines are sent with the Book of Natural Yarns, or you can phone for information.

THE BOOK OF CELTIC KNOTWORK PATTERNS



This book has proved so popular last year that it is being kept in print. With over 60 Celtic knotwork patterns specially designed for machine knitting by Jane Mickelborough, it is excellent value. These patterns are fascinating, and range from small repeating patterns

to larger single motifs. The Many A Mickle logo is one example of these patterns. The majority of the patterns can be used on a 24 stitch punchcard. The Book of Celtic Knotwork Patterns is just £2.00 plus 50p post and packing.

TRADE TERMS

Trade terms are available on all Many A Mickle yarns, and trade prices can start with orders over £100. If you are a knitwear designer/manufacturer, please ask for details. There are savings to be made.

SEND NOW FOR THE BOOK OF NATURAL YARNS 1989-90

regular customers will be sent a copy automatically on publication in August.

The Book of Natural Yarns, plus the Summit Collection, and the free Book of Basic Patterns is just £2.50, refundable with an order over £25.

If you have a voucher unused from last year, you can send that in as part payment for this year's book. Please send a PO or cheque for the balance.

Write enclosing a cheque or PO to **Many A Mickle (Ref A), Hacking St., Darwen, Lancs., BB3 1AL**, or phone (0254) 873360 to use your credit card.

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BACK

Push 124 [132, 138, 146] Ns to WP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Set RC at 000. Using MC and C tog, K 2 rows. Shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 8th row until there are 140 [148, 154, 162] sts. K 25 [29, 29, 33] rows. RC shows 84 [88, 88, 92] and work measures 23.5 [25, 25, 26] cm, 9¼ [9¼, 9¼, 10¼] in. Place marker at each end. K 86 [86, 92, 92] rows. RC shows 170 [174, 180, 184] and work measures 48 [49.5, 51, 52] cm, 19 [19½, 20, 20½] in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 10 [10, 11, 11] sts at beg of next 8 rows and 9 [12, 10, 13] sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Cast off rem 42 [44, 46, 48] sts.

LEFT FRONT

Push 41 [44, 46, 49] Ns to WP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Set RC at 000. Using MC and C tog, K 2 rows. Shape side by inc 1 st at left edge of next and every foll 8th row until there are 49 [52, 54, 57] sts. K 25 [29, 29, 33] rows. RC shows 84 [88, 88, 92] and work measures 23.5 [25, 25, 26] cm, 9¼ [9¼, 9¼, 10¼] in. Place marker at left edge. K 86 [86, 92, 92] rows. RC shows 170 [174, 180, 184] and work measures 48 [49.5, 51, 51] cm, 19 [19½, 20, 20½] in.

SHAPE SHOULDER

K 1 row. Cast off 10 [10, 11, 11] sts at beg of next and foll 3 alt rows, K 1 row. Cast off rem 9 [12, 10, 13] sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as for left front reversing shaping by reading left for right and right for left.

SLEEVES

Push 84 [84, 88, 88] Ns to WP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Set RC at 000. Using MC and C tog, K 2 rows. Shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 6th row until there are 128 [128, 136, 136] sts. K 5 [9, 1, 5] rows. RC shows 134 [138, 142, 146] and work measures 38 [39, 40.5, 41.5] cm, 15 [15½, 16, 16½] in. Place marker at centre. Cast off.

FRONT BORDER

Push 86 [90, 94, 98] Ns to WP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Set RC at 000. Using MT-1 and MC, K 18 rows. Counting from both edges, make buttonholes by using a separate length of MC for each buttonhole,

4 WOMAN'S TWEED JACKET

PATTERN RATING

* Easy to knit.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge machines with or without a ribber.

MATERIALS

Studley Machine Knitting 4-ply:
7 (1, 1, 1) × 500g cone in Cream 6240 (MC).
Studley Special Effects:
2 (2, 2, 2) × 50g cones in Shade 6541 (C).
4 buttons.

The fibre content of Machine Knitting 4-ply is 100% Courmelle. Special Effects is 100% Viscose. For further details about local or mail order stockists of these yarns, please write to the following address - Studley Woollens Ltd., Stockhill Road, Greengates, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD10 9TE.

YARN THICKNESS

Machine Knitting four ply knitted together with Special Effects is medium weight and knits as four ply.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 87 [92, 97, 102] cm, 34 [36, 38, 40] in.
Actual size 106 [112, 117, 123] cm, 41¾ [44, 46, 48½] in.
Length to shoulder 57 [58.5, 60, 61] cm, 22½ [23, 23½, 24] in.
Sleeve seam with cuff folded back 47 [48, 49.5, 50.5] cm, 18½ [19, 19½, 20] in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

26 stitches and 35 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over stocking stitch using MC and C together (tension dial setting approximately 9). 28 stitches and 35 rows (when slightly stretched) to 10 cm, 4 in measured over stocking stitch using MC or MT-1 (tension dial setting approximately 8).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

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KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment.

STUDLEY SPECIAL EFFECTS

To obtain an evenly mottled effect, the Special Effects yarn needs to be wound round the plain 4-ply yarn. To do this, use a cardboard box three to four inches longer than the plain cone; make a hole about one inch diameter in the bottom of the box then upturn the box over the cone. Bring the plain yarn up through the hole and then through the centre of the cone of Special Effects yarn, placing the cone over the hole. Thread both yarns together through your machine.

cast off sts, then on again by hand over sts 11, 12, 13 and 31, 32, 33 [33, 34, 35; 35, 36, 37; 37, 38, 39]. K 36 rows. Make buttonholes over same sts as before. K 157 [161, 167, 171] rows. Place marker at each end. K 58 [62, 66, 70] rows. Place marker at each end. K 211 [215, 221, 225] rows. RC shows 480 [492, 508, 520]. Cast off.

BACK WELT

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for

2×2 rib. Push 104 [112, 120, 128] Ns on both beds to WP. * Arrange Ns for 2×2 rib. Using MC, cast on and K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set machine for 2×2 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-5/MT-5, K 36 rows. Transfer sts for st st *.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER
Push 104 [113, 119, 128] Ns to WP. * Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and MC, K 73 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of

first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed *.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, replace 124 [132, 138, 146] sts at lower edge of back on to Ns gathering evenly. Using MT+1, K 2 rows. Cast off.

FRONT WELTS

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 2×2 rib. Push 32 [36, 36, 40] Ns on both beds to WP. Work as for back welt from * to *.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER
Push 32 [35, 38, 41] Ns to WP. Work as for back welt from * to *.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, replace 41 [44, 46, 49] sts at lower edge of front on to Ns gathering evenly. Using MT+1, K 2 rows. Cast off.

CUFFS

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 2×2 rib. Push 56 [56, 60, 60] Ns on both beds to WP. Arrange Ns for 2×2 rib. Using MC, cast on and K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set machine for 2×2 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-5/MT-5, K 72 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 56 [56, 59, 59] Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and MC, K 145 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, replace 84 [84, 88, 88] sts at lower edge of sleeve on to Ns gathering evenly. Using MT+1, K 2 rows. Cast off.

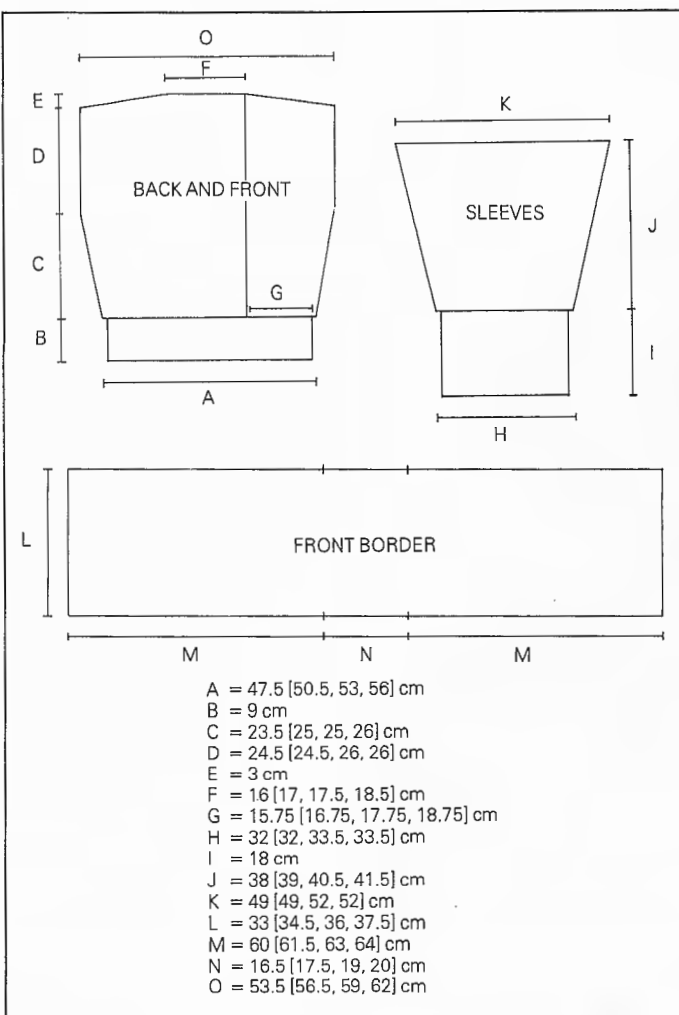
PRESSING

With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Press lightly with a warm iron over a dry cloth.

MAKING UP

Join shoulder seams. Set in sleeves between markers. Join side and sleeve seams. Fold cuffs back. Sew one edge of front border into position with buttonholes on right front, matching markers to shoulder seams and easing in to back neck. Fold in half to inside and catch down. Join lower edges, backstitching through open loops of cast on edge. Finish buttonholes. Sew on buttons.





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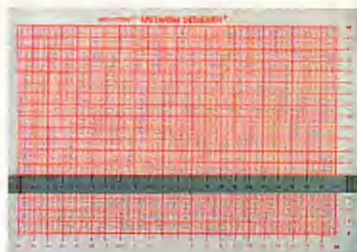
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BACK

Push 79 [83, 87, 91, 95, 99] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 158 [166, 174, 182, 190, 198] Ns. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Insert punchcard and lock on first row. Set carriage for patt. Set RC at 000. Using MC, K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt with MC in feeder 1(A) and C in feeder 2(B), K 144 rows. RC shows 145 and work measures 40 cm, 15¾ in.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 12 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 134 [142, 150, 158, 166, 174] sts *. K 72 [76, 82, 82, 88, 92] rows. RC shows 219 [223, 229, 229, 235, 239] and work measures 60.5 [61.5, 63, 63, 65, 66] cm, 23¾ [24¼, 24¾, 24¾, 25½, 26] in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 12 [13, 14, 16, 17, 18] sts at beg of next 4 rows and 13 [14, 15, 16, 18] sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Using WY, K a few rows in st st over rem 60 [62, 64, 64, 66, 66] Ns and release from machine.

FRONT

Work as for back to *. K 10 [14, 20, 20, 26, 30] rows.

FRONT OPENING

Note patt row on card. Using nylon cord, K 60 [63, 66, 70, 73, 77] sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. K 31 rows.

SHAPE NECK

Cast off 22 [24, 26, 26, 28, 28] sts at beg of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on every row until 37 [40, 43, 47, 50, 54] sts rem. K 15 rows.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 12 [13, 14, 16, 17, 18] sts at beg of next and foll alt row, K 1 row. Cast off rem 13 [14, 15, 15, 16, 18] sts. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over 8 Ns at right bringing Ns back to WP. Using a length of MC, cast of these sts. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over rem Ns bringing Ns back to WP. Lock card on number previously noted. Take carriage to left without knitting. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. K 32 rows.

SHAPE NECK

Dec 1 st at neck edge of every row until 37 [40, 43, 47, 50, 54] sts rem. K 15 rows.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 12 [13, 14, 16, 17, 18] sts at beg of next and foll alt row, K 1 row. Cast off rem 13 [14, 15, 15, 16, 18] sts.

RIGHT SLEEVE

Push 57 [61, 65, 65, 69, 73] Ns at left and 19 [19, 21, 21, 23, 25] Ns at right of centre 0 to WP. 76 [80, 86, 86, 92, 98] Ns. * Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Insert punchcard and lock on first

5 TUNIC SWEATER

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience.

MACHINES

This pattern is written for Toyota 858 machines.

MATERIALS

Spectrum Linaria 4 ply.

1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] x 500g cone in White (MC)

1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] x 500g cone in Red (C)

9 small buttons

The fibre content of this yarn is 100% Acrylic. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - Spectrum Yarns Ltd, Bankwell Road, Milsbridge, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD3 4LU.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 87 [92, 97, 102, 107, 112] cm, 34 [36, 38, 40, 42, 44] in. Actual size 97 [102, 107, 112, 117, 122] cm, 38½ [40¼, 42¼, 44¼, 46, 48] in.

Length to shoulder 67.5 [68.5, 70, 70, 72, 73] cm, 26½ [27, 27½, 27½, 28¼, 28¾] in.

Sleeve seam 46.5 cm, 18½ in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

32 stitches and 36 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over Fair Isle pattern (tension dial setting approximately 9).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Punch card, as shown, before starting to knit. We used Toyota card 801 for this pattern and reproduce it courtesy of Toyota. For further information about Toyota cards and machines, please write to Aisin Company (UK) Limited, 34 High Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1EA. Knit with MC in feeder 2 and C in feeder 1. The Toyota 858 card is punched in reverse. Standard 24 stitch punchcard machine owners can adapt the card by repeating the twelve stitch pattern twice across the width of the card and punching the card in reverse i.e. the holes punched on the card should be left blank and the remaining blanks punched to produce the pattern. Remember to reverse the colours in the feeder.

row. Set carriage for patt. Set RC at 000. Using MC, K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt with MC in feeder 1(A) and C in feeder 2(B), K 33 rows *. Using WY, K a few rows in st st and release from machine. Push Ns 20 to 57 [20 to 61, 22 to 65, 22 to 65, 24 to 69, 26 to 73] inclusive at right of centre 0 to WP. 38 [42, 44, 44, 46, 48] Ns. Work as for first part from * to *. Push 76 [80, 86, 86, 92, 98] Ns at left to WP. With P side facing, replace sts for first part on to Ns. Unravel WY. 114 [122, 130, 130, 138, 146] sts. K 6 rows. Shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 10th row until there are 132 [138, 148, 148, 160, 166] sts. K 21 [31,

21, 21, 1, 11] rows. RC shows 142 and work measures 39.5 cm, 15½ in. Place marker at each end. K 14 rows. Cast off.

LEFT SLEEVE

Work as for right sleeve, reversing shapings by reading left for right and right for left.

BACK WELT

Push 150 [158, 166, 174, 182, 190] Ns to WP. With P side of back facing, replace 158 [166, 174, 182, 190, 198] sts along lower edge on to Ns gathering evenly. * Set RC at 000. Using

MT-2 and MC, K 27 rows. Using MT+1, K 1 row. Using MT-2, K 27 rows. Make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC on to corresponding Ns. K 1 row. Cast off *.

FRONT WELT

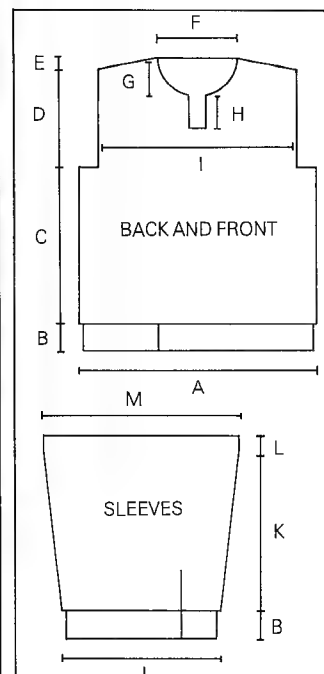
Push 94 [99, 104, 108, 113, 117] Ns to WP. With P side of front facing and counting from left edge, replace first 98 [103, 108, 112, 117, 121] sts along lower edge on to Ns gathering evenly. Work as for back welt from * to *. Push 56 [59, 62, 66, 69, 73] Ns to WP. With P side of front facing, replace rem 60 [63, 66, 70, 73, 77] sts along lower edge on to Ns gathering evenly. Push 8 Ns at left from NWP to WP. Pick up 8 sts from behind first welt and place on to Ns. 64 [67, 70, 74, 77, 81] sts. Work as for back welt from * to *.

SLEEVE FACINGS

Push 60 Ns to WP. With P side facing, pick up sts along both edges of slit and place on to Ns. Using MT-1 and MC, K 8 rows. Cast off. Fold half of facing on to wide section of sleeve and catch down, leave other side free.

RIGHT CUFF

Push 32 [34, 36, 36, 38, 38] Ns to WP. With P side of narrow sleeve



A = 49 [51.5, 54, 56.5, 59, 61.5] cm
B = 7 cm
C = 40 cm
D = 20.5 [21.5, 23, 23, 25, 26] cm
E = 1.5 cm
F = 18.5 [19, 20, 20, 20.5, 20.5] cm
G = 10 cm
H = 8.5 cm
I = 41.5 [44, 46.5, 49, 51.5, 54] cm
J = 35.5 [38, 40.5, 40.5, 43, 45.5] cm
K = 39.5 cm
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section facing, pick up 6 sts along
facing and 38 [42, 44, 44, 46, 48]
sts along lower edge and place on
to Ns gathering evenly. Work as
for back welt from * to *. Push 38
[40, 43, 43, 46, 49] Ns to WP.
With carriage at left and P side of
wide sleeve section facing, pick
up 76 [80, 86, 86, 92, 98] sts along
lower edge and place on to Ns
gathering evenly. Set RC at 000.
Using MT-2 and MC, cast on 10
sts at beg of next row. K 6 rows.
Counting from left edge, make a
buttonhole over 5th and 6th sts. K
13 rows. Make a buttonhole over
same sts as before. K 7 rows.
Using MT+1, K 1 row. Using
MT-2, K 7 rows. Make a
buttonhole over same sts as
before. K 13 rows. Make a
buttonhole over same sts as
before. K 7 rows. Make a hem by
placing loops of first row worked
in MC on to corresponding Ns. K 1
row. Cast off.

LEFT CUFF

Work as for right cuff reversing
shapings by reading right for left.

NECKBAND

Join shoulder seams. Push 80 [83,
86, 86, 89, 89] Ns to WP. With P
side facing, pick up 30 [31, 32, 32,
33, 33] sts across half of back
neck and 50 [52, 54, 54, 56, 56]
sts down right side of front neck
and place on to Ns. Inc 1 st at
back neck. 81 [84, 87, 87, 90, 90]
sts. * Set RC at 000. Using MT
and MC, K 6 rows. Using MT-2,
K 6 rows. Using MT, K 1 row.
Using MT-2, K 6 rows. Using
MT, K 5 rows. Cast off *. Push 58
[59, 60, 60, 61, 61] Ns to WP.
With P side facing, pick up 28 sts
up left side of front neck and 30

[31, 32, 32, 33, 33] sts across half
of back neck and place on to Ns.
Inc 1 st at back neck. 59 [60, 61,
61, 62, 62] sts. Work as for first
part from * to *. Join centre back
seam. Fold in half and catch down
on inside.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Push 39 Ns to WP. With P side
facing, pick up 39 sts along right
edge of front opening and place
on to Ns. Inc 1 st at lower edge.
40 sts. Set RC at 000. Using MT
and MC, K 1 row. Using MT-2, K
4 rows. Make buttonholes over
4th, 5th, 20th, 21st, 36th and 37th
sts. K 5 rows. Using MT+1, K 1
row. Using MT-2, K 5 rows.
Make buttonholes over same sts
as before. K 4 rows. Cast off.

BUTTON BAND

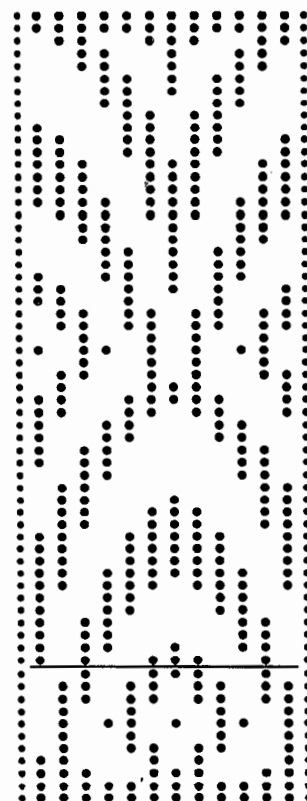
Work as for buttonhole band
reading left for right and omitting
buttonholes.

PRESSING

With wrong side facing, pin out all
pieces to measurements given.
Press carefully following instruc-
tions on cone band.

MAKING UP

Set in sleeves, sewing rows
above markers to cast off sts on
back and front. Join side and
sleeve seams. Fold front bands in
half to inside and catch down. Lap
buttonhole band over button band
and sew lower edges into
position. Neaten ends of bands,
welts and cuffs. Finish but-
tonholes. Sew on buttons. Sew
two buttons to opening in front
welt.



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It is now possible to connect all the newer Brother electronic machines to the PPD, disc drive and printer. This makes it possible to design and store enormous numbers of large designs and to print out a copy of each design.

Earlier this year, I wrote in detail about the PPD, which makes it possible to produce designs on a television screen and then knit the designs using a 930, 940 or 950i machine. I now have the complete system, including the disc drive and printer. Now that I have had time to use the system regularly, I am even more impressed with it than when I first had the PPD and 950i.

When a design has been created with the PPD, it is held in the memory unless it is no longer required and can be erased. The contents of the memory of the PPD can easily be transferred to the knitting machine, so that a selected design can be knitted. The lead supplied with the PPD is used to connect it to the machine and after about two minutes all the information in the PPD's memory is transferred to the machine. The design which is to be knitted can be selected by entering the pattern number and it can then be programmed in just the same way as any of the built-in designs.

The memories of the 940 and 950i and the PPD can hold a very large amount of information – more than a quarter of a million units (one dot or blank). For owners of electronic machines with mylar sheets, this represents twenty seven mylar sheets of information before the memory is full! The 930 has a smaller

memory and the number of designs which can be stored is much more limited. However, even when using the machines which can hold the larger amount of information, it is surprisingly easy to fill the memory! If a large design which is to occupy the whole of the body of an adult size garment is created, perhaps with some slight alterations for the sleeve, most of the available memory is used. If the design is to be used only once, it can be sent to the machine and knitted, then erased. If, however, the design is still needed, it would probably not be possible to create another design of a similar size.

If the memory of the knitting machine or PPD is too full to hold another design, the designs in the memory can be stored on a floppy disc using the disc drive. This is the method used to store information by many computer owners. Once it has been stored on disc, the design can be erased from the machine or PPD, making it possible to create new designs. Each disc can hold twice the amount of information which the 940 and 950i can hold, on two tracks. When the design is needed again, it can be loaded back either into the PPD or into the knitting machine.

The disc drive is small and portable and it can either be battery operated or connected to the mains with an adaptor. Fig. 1 shows the disc drive connected to the PPD, ready for designs which have been created to be saved on to a disc or for designs stored on disc to be loaded into the PPD. The disc drive can also be connected to the knitting

machine. This is particularly useful for the 930 and 940 machines, which do not use mylar sheets. When a large design has been created in the machine, it can be stored on disc until it is needed again.

Connections between the disc drive and the machine or PPD should only be made with all the equipment switched off. The discs, however, should only be put into or taken out of the drive when it is switched on. If the disc drive is switched on or off with a disc in it, the data stored on the disc can be damaged and the designs may not be correct. As with any computer equipment, two copies of each design should be kept, so that if one disc is damaged or will not load, another copy is available.

When transferring designs between the machine, PPD and floppy disc, it is important to remember that the whole of the memory will be filled with the information which is transferred. If a design has been created in the PPD and it is to be knitted, it should be sent to the knitting machine. Transferring the information in this way, however, will erase any designs which are in the machine's memory. If these designs are needed, they could be saved on to a disc before transferring the information from the PPD.

Using a disc drive with an electronic machine makes it possible to transfer designs very quickly and easily. After drawing out a large design and saving it on to disc, the disc could be used to load that design into several knitting machines. In the USA, where disc drives have been in use for some time, large numbers of discs can be purchased, with a variety of designs on them. Discs are also available which contain the designs used in books and

magazines, so that they can be loaded into the knitting machine and used without drawing out or entering the design. It is even possible for owners of disc drives in the UK to use discs from abroad – although there can be some problems because of the differences between the 930 and the 940 and 950i.

One of the biggest problems associated with these new developments is keeping records of the designs which are available. When I used the 910, I built up a library of designs drawn on to mylar sheets which I could use. Sometimes I would be unable to find the design that I wanted to use, perhaps because it was a small design or because there were a lot of similar designs on a sheet. Now, however, it is possible to store hundreds of different designs without any visual record of them, so finding a particular design can be almost impossible. If the disc drive is used with the PPD, each track on the discs can be loaded on to the PPD and the contents examined for the required design. However, if the disc drive is used with a machine without the PPD, the only way to check the designs on a disc is to knit them – and it could take a very long time to find the one which is to be used. Whenever possible, keep designs of the same type together – for example by using different tracks and discs for Fair Isle, tuck or garter stitch designs. Keep a notebook with a record of the pattern numbers on each track, together with an outline of the type of design.

Keeping records of the designs which are available is easier for owners of suitable dot matrix printers. Many computer owners will have a printer of this type and it is possible to purchase a lead to connect the printer to the PPD.



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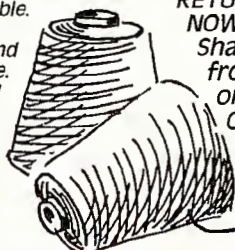
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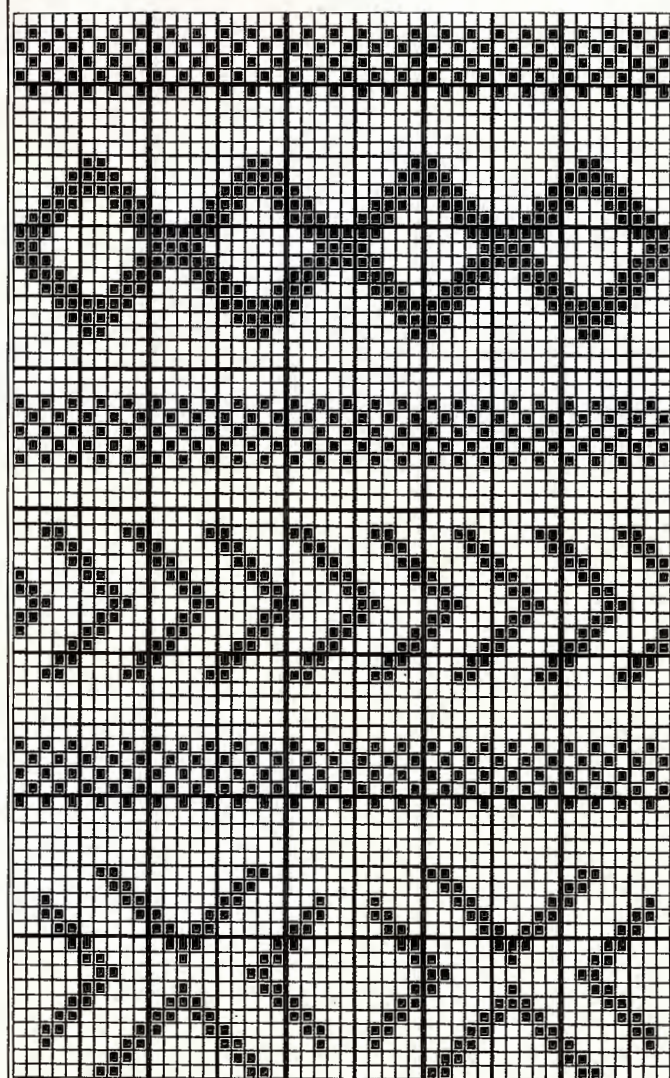
The designs can then be printed out so that they can be found more easily. The number of the track and the pattern number can be recorded as the design is printed out and the disc can also be given a number which is shown on the print-out. Fig. 2 shows a small garter stitch which was created with the PPD using several built-in designs and printed out with a dot matrix printer. When larger designs are printed out, several sheets of paper may be required. Printing starts at the bottom left-hand corner of the design and moves across the width of the design and then on to the next row. Once the design is complete, the edges can be trimmed and the complete design made up by sticking the sheets together.

Adding a disc drive and PPD to a Brother 930, 940 and 950i makes it possible to create large designs easily, store the created

design on disc and keep records of the designs which are available. Although the system is very powerful, it is also very easy to use, even for a knitter who is not familiar with computers.

Diane Bennett

Diane's new book "The PPD User's Guide" contains information and designs for the PPD and includes more details about the use of the disc drive and printer. It is available from your local dealer, price £5.25, or direct from Diane Bennett, 78 Tudor Drive, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey GU17 7DF, price £5.50 including postage and packing.



Disc No = 5. Track No = 2. Page No = 1. Pattern No = 902. Stitch = 48.
Row = 78. Printing Order = (1-1).

READ ALL ABOUT IT

I have been enjoying myself looking at various items now on the machine knitting scene. Not all of them were useful to me, but they could well be great for you; in fact, just what you have been looking for. As in all things, tastes vary and so they do in what we knit and what we use. Nevertheless I hope that these short descriptions will help you in making up your mind whether to add them or not to your collection.

PASSAP/PFAFF

Anyone who has seen or bought the new electronic Duo will delight in it – until they get it home! Always the novice suddenly discovers there is a lot to learn. Help is on the way.

Dorothy Gill has produced five tape cassettes for the Electronic 6000 and – as Dorothy has owned, taught, lived and breathed the Duo for years – these are good. Tape two even includes advice on reading the model books. By the look of things, everything has been covered. In case you have not seen them, there are also tapes for the Duo 80 and the Duo 5 by Dorothy and they are equally good. Contact Dorothy, 185 Valley Road, Streatham, London SW16 2XH (01-769 3640) for further details.

Two books for the Duo 80 are available from the Knitting Neuk, 32 Ashley Road, Aberdeen, the Beginners Course (very basic) and the Passap Handbook on the Deco, both by Bernadette E. Enrakovich at £18.95. Remember that these books are imported from America which makes them more expensive. The Deco book has detailed explanations on how it works, with good photographic detail explaining from just one punchcard how to go about the various stitch pattern techniques.

I see that Bramwell are producing single leaflet patterns for Duos, by Eileen Metcalf – around fifty pence each. As with all Eileen's patterns, they are simple to knit and reminders are given about changing strippers or yarn or tension – all the details one tends to forget when a newcomer to the Duo.

JAPANESE MACHINES

From BSK, Murdock Road,

Manton Industrial Estate, Bedford MK41 7LE comes news of coils of blank punchcards. 100 card equivalent for 24 stitch repeat machines. Please state if for Knitmaster or Brother machines when ordering. (Brother cards are suitable for Toyota 901 and 950 machines.) At £29.95 a coil this is a saving on packets of ten cards, especially if you use a lot of cards. I usually buy their punchcard roll, finding it more economical, as not all designs are the same length and I am not left with all those small offcuts. Do remember even the offcuts can be used for border designs, though it can be disconcerting for newcomers to machine knitting, when the offcut disappears from sight into the card feeder – but rest assured – it does come back out the other side!

THE HAGUE IK 619

Hague linkers are worth their weight in gold and now this firm (who really understand the knitter's needs) have produced a basic manual knitting machine, which can cope with 2 ply to 6 ply yarn and has a built-in intarsia facility included in the mechanism. There are 170 needles in the standard gauge machine and it has a steel bed. At £99.95 this will surely prove to be a winner, especially with intarsia buffs as a second machine and may well tempt some more newcomers to the fascinating craft of machine knitting. As a manual machine it has the ability for Fair Isle, slip and tuck, but I am sure it will be the intarsia accommodation that will prove to be the winner. I am always hearing moans that intarsia ties up the main machine, now at a reasonable price, a second machine is available.

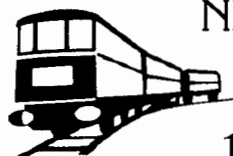
Going back to the Hague Linker – this could be my golden oldie of the month. At all shows round the country there is usually a Hague Linker demonstration in progress – and a cluster of interested knitters round the demonstrator. They are marvellous machines and mine gets worked overtime. I do only use it on sweaters, cardigans and jackets but I know many knitters use them on skirts, neckbands and so on, in fact for all their sewing up. I know mine has made such a difference to the time of completing a garment. The finish is good and cardigan and jacket bands now present no problem. They have a real professional finish.

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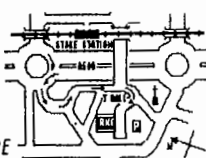
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I know some of us can draw out from the patterns at the end of written patterns, some can even drawn out without a guide, but some of us cannot and to have something that need only be traced over will be welcomed by a lot of knitters.

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MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 79 [85, 91, 97] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 158 [170, 182, 194] Ns. Push corresponding Ns on ribber to WP. Arrange Ns for 1x1 rib. Using A, cast on and K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4/MT-4, K 28 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 79 [85, 91, 97] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 158 [170, 182, 194] Ns. * Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and A, K 57 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in A evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed *.

ALL MACHINES

Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 29 rows. Insert punchcard and lock on first row. Set carriage for patt. K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Using MT+1, K 54 rows. Remove card. Cont in st st and MC. Using MT, K 40 [36, 40, 36] rows. RC shows 124 [120, 124, 120] and work measures 39 [38, 39, 38] cm, 15 1/4 [15, 15 1/4, 15] in. Place marker at each end **. K 104 [108, 112, 116] rows. RC shows 228 [228, 236, 236] and work measures 63 [63, 65, 65] cm, 24 3/4 [24 3/4, 25 1/2, 25 1/2] in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 54 [60, 63, 69] sts at beg of next 2 rows. Cast off rem 50 [50, 56, 56] sts.

FRONT

Work as for back to **. K 70 [74, 78, 82] rows. 34 rows less have been worked to shoulder than on back.

SHAPE NECK

Using a length of MC, cast off centre 20 [20, 22, 22] sts. Push 69 [75, 80, 86] Ns at left to HP and cont on rem sts for first side. K 1 row. Cast off 3 [3, 4, 4] sts at beg of next and foll alt row, K 1 row. Dec 1 st at beg of next and every foll alt row until 54 [60, 63, 69] sts rem. K 12 rows. Cast off. With carriage at left, push rem Ns from HP to UWP. Finish to correspond with first side, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Push 42 [44, 46, 48] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 84 [88, 92, 96] Ns. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Set RC at 000. Using A, K 1 row. Insert punchcard and lock on first row. Set carriage for patt. K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Using MT+1, K 10 rows. Remove card. Cont in st st and

6 SWEATER WITH FAIR ISLE PANEL

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge machines with or without a ribber.

MATERIALS

Patons Knit and Save.

1 [1, 1, 1] x 500g cone in Snow White 4813 (MC).

1 [1, 1, 1] x 500g cone in Navy 4817 (A).

1 [1, 1, 1] x 500g cone in Glacier 18.

The fibre content of this yarn is 100% Acrylic. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - Patons & Baldwins Ltd., PO Box 46, Darlington, Co. Durham DL1 1YQ.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four-ply.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 87 [92-97, 102, 107-112] cm, 34 [36-38, 40, 42-44] in. Actual size 104 [112, 120, 128] cm, 41 [44, 47 1/4, 50 1/2] in. Length to shoulder 63 [63, 65, 65] cm, 24 3/4 [24 3/4, 25 1/2, 25 1/2] in. Sleeve seam 46 cm, 18 in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

30 stitches and 43 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over stocking stitch (tension dial setting approximately 6).

30 stitches and 34 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over Fair Isle pattern on MT+1 (tension dial setting approximately 7).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Punch card, as shown, before starting to knit. Knit two colour Fair Isle rows with first colour given in back feeder 1(A) to knit background and second colour given in front feeder 2(B) to knit contrast pattern.

FAIR ISLE PATTERN

K 4 rows A/B, 2 rows B only (st st), 4 rows MC/A, 2 rows MC/B, 4 rows A/B, 4 rows MC/B, 2 rows MC/A, 6 rows B/A, 2 rows B/MC, 8 rows B/A, 6 rows MC/B and 10 rows MC/A. These 54 rows form pattern.

MC. Using MT, shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 5th [4th, 4th, 4th] row until there are 144 [150, 156, 162] sts. K 10 [35, 31, 27] rows. RC shows 168 and work measures 39 cm, 15 1/4 in. Cast off.

CUFFS

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Using A, cast on 68 [70, 72, 74] sts in 1x1 rib. K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4/MT-4, K 28 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 68 [71, 71, 74] Ns to WP. Work as for back from * to *.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, replace 84 [88, 92, 96] sts from lower edge of sleeve on to Ns gathering evenly. Using MT+4, K 1 row. Cast off.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on 148 [148, 160, 160] sts in 1x1 rib. K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4/MT-4, K 13 rows. Using MT+2/MT+2, K 1 row. Using MT-4/MT-4, K 14 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER
Push 149 [149, 161, 161] Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-1 and MC, K 7 rows. Using MT-2, K 15 rows. Using MT-1, K 7 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed. Dec 1 st. 148 [148, 160, 160] sts.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, pick up 54 [54, 60, 60] sts across back neck, 36 [36, 38, 38] sts down right side of front neck, 22 [22, 24, 24] sts across front neck and 36 [36, 38, 38] sts up left side of front neck and place on to Ns. Unravel WY. Using MT+4, K 1 row. Cast off.

PRESSING

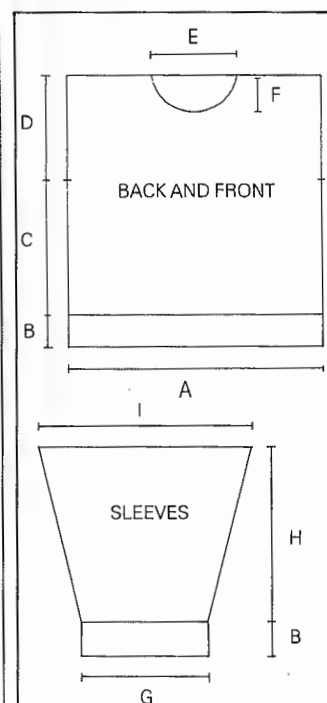
With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Press carefully following instructions on cone band.

MAKING UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Set in sleeves between markers. Join side and sleeve seams.

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

Fold neckband in half to inside and catch down.



A = 52.5 [56.5, 60.5, 64.5] cm
B = 7 cm
C = 32 [31, 32, 31] cm
D = 24 [25, 26, 27] cm
E = 16.5 [16.5, 18.5, 18.5] cm
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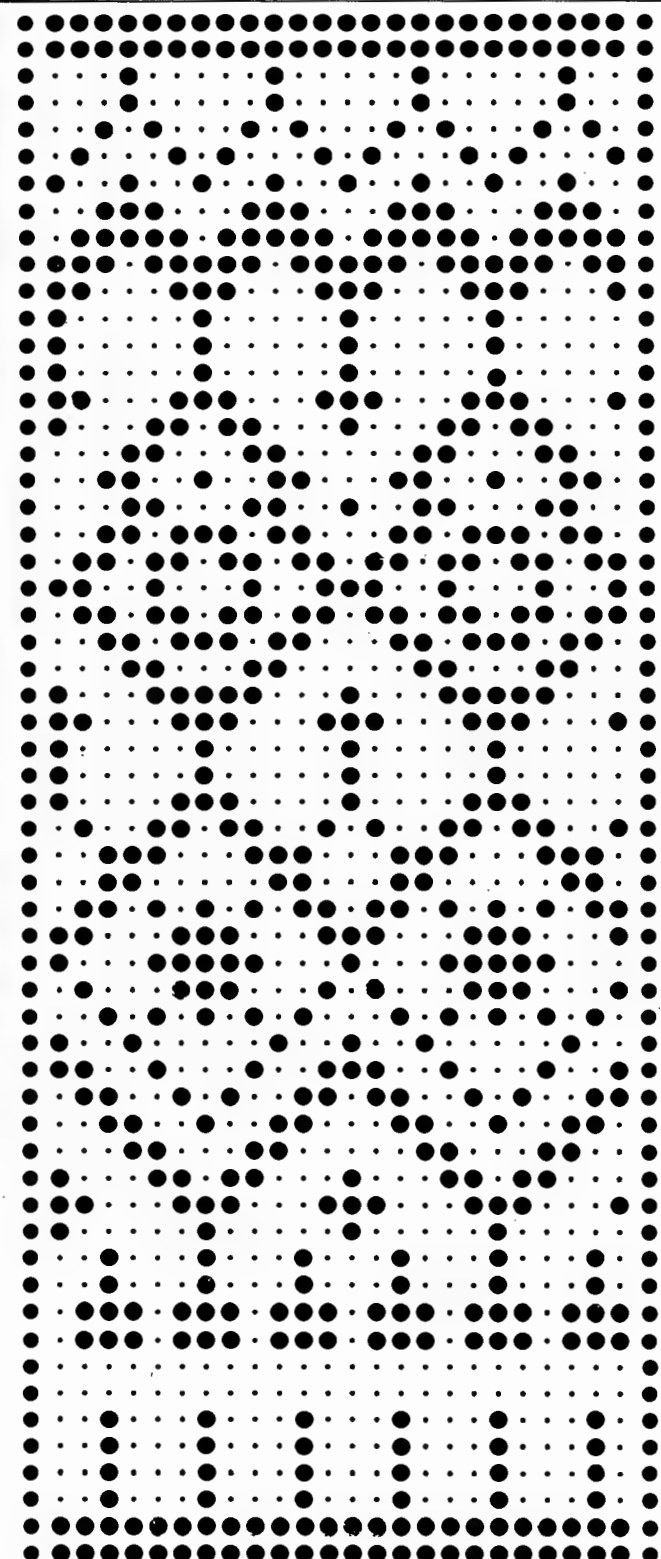
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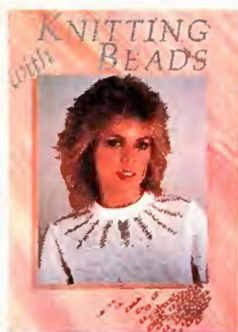
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SWEATER

BACK

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 79 [85, 91, 97] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 158 [170, 182, 194] Ns. * Push corresponding Ns on ribber to WP. Arrange Ns for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on and K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-5/MT-5, K 16 rows. Transfer sts for st st *.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER
Push 79 [85, 91, 97] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 158 [170, 182, 194] Ns. * Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and MC, K 31 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY, when work is completed *.

ALL MACHINES

Set RC at 000. Using MT and B, K 1 row. Insert punchcard and lock on first row. Set carriage for patt. K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt **. K 204 [210, 210, 218] rows. RC shows 206 [212, 212, 220] and work measures 59 [60.5, 60.5, 62.5] cm, 23 1/4 [23 3/4, 23 3/4, 24 1/2] in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Using MC, cast off 53 [58, 62, 67] sts at beg of next 2 rows. Cast off rem 52 [54, 58, 60] sts.

FRONT

Work as for back to **. K 176 [182, 182, 190] rows. 28 rows less have been worked to shoulder than on back.

SHAPE NECK

Note patt row on card. Using a length of MC, cast off centre 18 [20, 18, 20] sts. Using nylon cord, K 70 [75, 82, 87] sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. K 1 row. Cast off 3 [3, 4, 4] sts at beg of next and foll 2 alt rows, K 1 row. Dec 1 st at beg of next and every foll alt row until 53 [58, 62, 67] sts rem. K 6 rows. Cast off. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over rem Ns bringing Ns back to WP. Lock card on number previously noted. Take carriage to left without knitting. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Finish to correspond with first side, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Push 45 [48, 51, 54] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 90 [96, 102, 108] Ns. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Set RC at 000. Using B, K 1 row. Insert punchcard and lock on first row. Set carriage for patt. K 1 row.

7 TEENAGE SWEATER AND SKIRT

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge punchcard machines with or without a ribber.

MATERIALS

King Cole Anti-Tickle 4 ply Wool.
1 (1, 1, 1) x 500g cone in Black (MC)
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YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply.

MEASUREMENTS

SWEATER

To fit bust 82 [87, 92, 97] cm, 32 [34, 36, 38] in.
Actual size 97 [105, 112, 120] cm, 38 1/4 [41 1/4, 44, 47 1/2] in.
Length to shoulder 59 [60.5, 60.5, 62.5] cm, 23 1/4 [23 3/4, 23 3/4, 24 1/2] in.

Sleeve seam 39.5 [41, 41, 42] cm, 15 1/2 [16 1/4, 16 1/4, 16 1/2] in.

SKIRT

To fit hips 87 [92, 97, 102] cm, 34 [36, 38, 40] in.
Actual size 90 [97, 105, 112] cm, 35 1/2 [38 1/4, 41 1/4, 44] in.
Length 35.5 [37, 37, 38.5] cm, 14 [14 1/2, 14 1/2, 15 1/4] in (adjustable).

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

32 stitches and 37 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over Fair Isle pattern (tension dial setting approximately 6)

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

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FAIR ISLE PATTERN

K 2 rows C/MC, 2 rows D/MC, 2 rows D/E, 2 rows D/MC, 2 rows C/MC, 2 rows B only (st st), 2 rows C/MC, 2 rows A/MC, 4 rows B/D, 4 rows A/MC, 4 rows B/D, 2 rows A/MC, 2 rows C/MC, 5 rows E/MC, 2 rows C/MC, 2 rows D/MC, 4 rows A/MC, 2 rows D/MC and 2 rows B only (st st). These 50 rows form pattern.

Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 4th row until there are 148 [154, 160, 166] sts. K 13 [19, 19, 23] rows. RC shows 128 [134, 134, 138] and work measures 34.5 [36, 36, 37] cm, 13 1/2 [14 1/4, 14 1/4, 14 1/2] in. Cast off.

CUFFS

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on 66 [68, 70, 72] sts in 1x1 rib. K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-5/MT-5, K 24 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 65 [68, 68, 71] Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a

few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and MC, K 45 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops for first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, replace 90 [96, 102, 108] sts from lower edge of sleeve on to Ns, gathering evenly. Using MT+4, K 1 row. Cast off.

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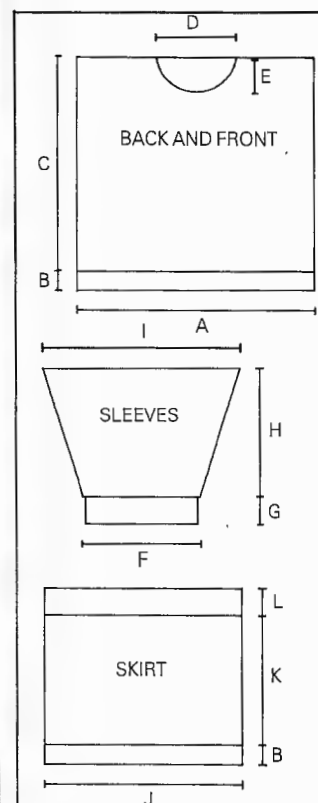
Join right shoulder seam

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

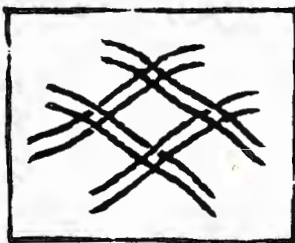
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MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 143 [146, 155, 158] Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-1 and MC, K 10 rows.



A	= 49 [53, 56.5, 60.5] cm
B	= 3.5 cm
C	= 55.5 [57, 57, 59] cm
D	= 16 [16.5, 18, 18.5] cm
E	= 7.5 cm
F	= 28 [30, 31.5, 33.5] cm
G	= 5 cm
H	= 34.5 [36, 36, 37] cm
I	= 46 [48, 50, 51.5] cm
J	= 45.5 [49, 53, 56.5] cm
K	= 32 [33.5, 33.5, 35] cm
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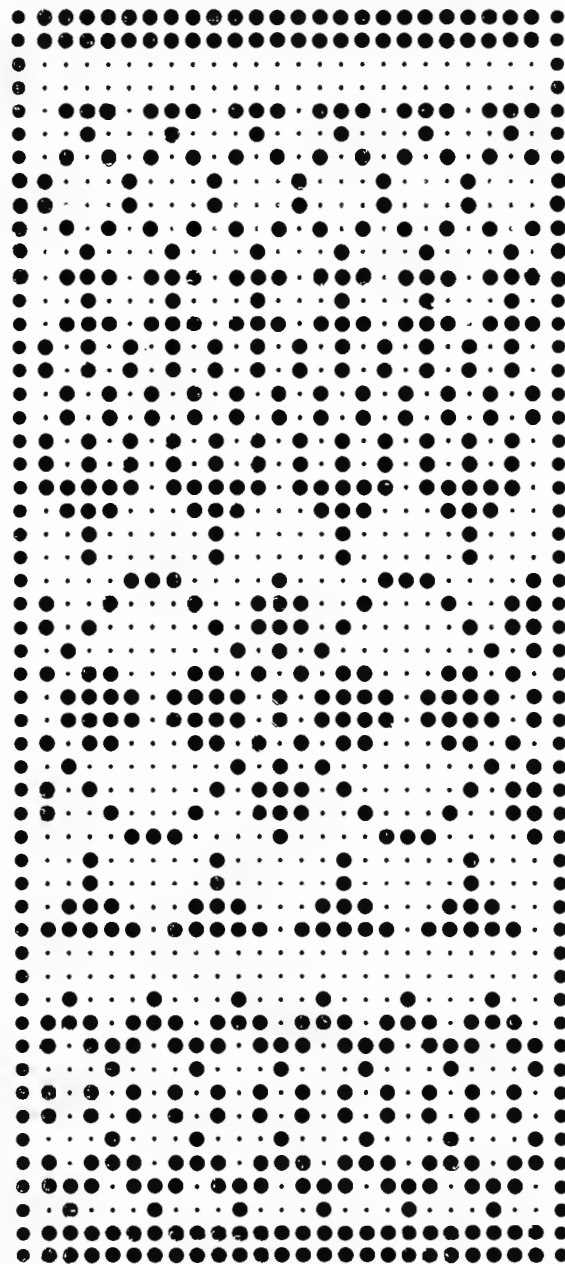
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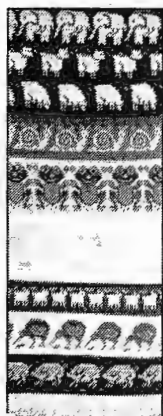
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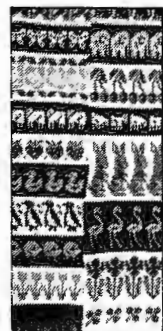


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With P side facing, pick up 56 [58, 62, 64] sts across back neck, 33 [33, 36, 36] sts down right side of front neck, 20 [22, 20, 22] sts across front neck and 33 [33, 36, 36] sts up left side of front neck and place on to Ns. Using MT+4, K 1 row. Cast off.

PRESSING

With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Press carefully following instructions on cone band.

MAKING UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Set in sleeves matching centre to shoulder seam. Join side and sleeve seams.

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

Fold neckband in half to inside and catch down.

SKIRT

BACK AND FRONT ALIKE

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 73 [79, 85, 91] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 146 [158, 170, 182] Ns. Work as for back of sweater from * to *.
MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 73 [79, 85, 91] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 146 [158, 170, 182] Ns. Works as for back of sweater from * to *.

ALL MACHINES

Set RC at 000. Using MT and B, K 1 row. Insert punchcard and lock on first row. Set carriage for patt. K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. K 116 [122, 122, 128] rows. Adjust length at this stage, if desired. Cont in st st and MC, K 1 row.

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position, set machine for 1x1 rib. Transfer sts for 1x1 rib. Cont in 1x1 rib. Using MT-5/MT-5, K 15 rows. Using MT/MT, K 1 row. Using MT-5/MT-5, K 15 rows. Transfer sts to main bed. Cast off.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Transfer every 3rd st to adjacent N and push empty Ns to NWP. Using MT-2, K 31 rows. Push empty Ns to WP. K 1 row. Cast off.

PRESSING

With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Press carefully following instructions on cone band.

MAKING UP

Join side seams. Fold waistband in half to inside and catch down leaving a small opening. Insert elastic and join ends. Close opening.

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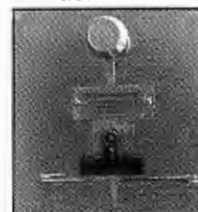
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BUTTON AND BUTTONHOLE BANDS

Can you lay your hand on your heart and say that you have never done anything really stupid with your knitting?

I wish I could but it must be obvious that I have done some absolutely daft things in my time. I haven't actually sewn two sleeves together but I do recall joining a sleeve top straight cast off edge across a straight cast off top of back on one occasion and since I sew up with the intention that it'll never come undone, that sort of mistake takes quite a bit of careful correcting.

One particular howler I recollect was finishing a hand knitted coat in a beautiful mohair yarn and thinking that it needed more buttons than I had buttonholes. No problem, I put press fasteners on. Nothing ordinary though, this was a special garment and I didn't fancy having common fasteners showing, so I used minute clear plastic ones. What a mistake. It was almost impossible to locate the wretched things when the coat needed fastening and trying to unfasten them was a nightmare – all that hairy mohair got in the way.

Since episodes like that I have looked twice before sewing seams and as for press fasteners, I leave those for items where they are vital and take the trouble to make buttonholes.

APPROACHING MACHINE BUTTONHOLES

As with most things that I have had to teach myself to do on my Toyota K858, I spent many weeks trying to ignore buttonholes. All I could think about was having seen a lady show how she made buttonholes (and this would have been in about 1978) and she showed us so fast that I would say not a single watcher grasped just what she did. Paul Daniels would have been proud of that lady. To give her her due, she was not a demonstrator, we were at a seminar and she was on the learning end, like me and she merely wanted to show how she did them. Well, all I can say is, she did them fast.

The first effort on to which I wanted to make buttonholes was, I think, a child's cardigan. I worked the button band first, ran it on to waste yarn and sewed it to the front edge. It was a bit too long, which I thought was an advantage, better than having to rehang it and rib some more, so I simply pulled out the extra, slipped the stitches on to a

knitting needle and cast off. Have you spotted the undeliberate mistake? I didn't count how many rows I removed and by that time couldn't tell how many rows I had knitted to fit the front.

As it was my first time, I simply cast on and made another too long band and sewed that on to match and took it back and cast off in the same way. What about the buttonholes? That took a little ingenuity. I first placed and sewed on the tiny buttons, then I matched the places with markers on the buttonhole band and, using a thick knitting needle I pierced a neat hole between the stitches for each buttonhole. Yet again I had managed to make a garment and still hadn't actually made a buttonhole on the machine!

Before I finally came to terms with this allergy to machine made buttonholes I found another ingenious method for making them. This time it was simply for speed. The garment was for me and as usual I wanted it for instant wearing. This time I made the two bands, sewed them both on and put on the buttons but this time I neatly cut a stitch to make a hole. Not a violent cut, a very delicate cutting of a single loop and the work did not unravel at all. I drew out the loop until two stitches were exposed above and below the hole, then caught the stitches up with a sewing needle and neaten the ends. It may sound like a lot of work but it only took a few minutes and considerably less time than it would have taken me to learn how to make proper machine buttonholes on a day when I needed the garment to be finished.

However, even I could see this could not go on, that isn't the professional way of doing things – I could hardly see myself offering a design to the editor and saying "don't pull too hard on the buttonholes they might come undone".

"L" IS FOR LEARNER

Having given myself some learning and practising time I read up all I could about making button bands and buttonholes. I always read things like that very thoroughly before I start because stopping and starting while I'm learning things tends to put the first things out of my head by the time I get to the end. That's why, if you have to have the book by you to glance at all the time, it's best to have it on a proper stand so that you won't have to keep looking away from the machine.

The first and easiest holes I

could make were the single eyelet ones. That may sound pathetic to you experienced knitters but in those days it was a major breakthrough to me. With hand knitted bands all you have to do is mark the button band with pins to indicate where the buttons would be and then place the holes on the other band to correspond, but with a machine knit band I needed to know, row by row just where the holes would come. But by this time I was much more mathematically minded, I knew how many rows more or less I would be knitting for the button band and could judge how many holes were needed and where they would come.

Come the day, came the eyelet buttonholes. I kept a beady eye on the row counter and every few rows I would transfer a stitch to the adjacent needle leaving the empty needle in working position so that it knitted on the following row. I also used this method later when I made double button bands to be folded over. For these I made the button band, marked the button positions and counted an equal number of stitches between. Then I made the buttonhole band in the same way, but made eyelet holes in the centre row of each side. It took only minutes to join and neaten the holes.

MOVING ALONG

There comes a stage when baby size buttonholes simply won't do any longer. I needed to make some grown up buttonholes.

Here I made a surprising discovery. What I had thought of as an original way of arriving at buttonholes turned out to be not such a novel idea after all. I found that I was halfway to making grown up buttonholes but had been attacking the wrong end first.

The button band has to be made first and by now I was adept at working out the correct number of rows and marking them for buttons. Now when I made my buttonhole bands, on the same rows that coincided with the button markers I would bring out the number of needles for the hole to 'E' position, leaving the latches open. Into these needles I placed a length of contrast yarn then took the needles back to working position by hand so that these contrast loops were knitted in. This, as you know, was much quicker to do than to tell. When the band was completed all I had to do was gently draw out the contrast yarn and I was left with exposed loops that only needed grafting or sewing in, just like those I had previously cut to shape, only this was much safer, with no question of any loops fraying.

I really felt I had arrived, I was making buttonholes like the big girls and boys did. I found this method suited the double horizontal band just as well, I made two sets of holes and

grafted the two sets of stitches together.

GOING FOR GOLD

While I was at it I thought I ought to try other methods for making holes. Even if I don't want to use all the things I can do on the machine I do like to try them out so that should I have to work them at a later date it won't all come as a new method.

The most important one to try next seemed to be vertical holes in a vertical band. Although horizontal buttonholes were a piece of cake by now, I could not always use them and a vertical hole might make a nice change.

I found that it was simply a question of placing some of the stitches in holding position while I knitted a few rows on the remaining needles. Then I reversed the position and worked the same number of rows on the other half of the stitches and finally knitted across all stitches. In fact it registered in my mind that it was basically the same method as for hand knitting vertical buttonholes, except that I needed to keep an eye on putting side levers to 1 before working and remembering to put the side levers to 0 after returning the stitches to working position. Some books say that these buttonholes can be worked around with buttonhole stitch to neaten them but I haven't found this necessary so far and I'm all for saving work. But on one occasion I did have to take in the length by one stitch at top and bottom because the slit was a little deep for the chosen buttons.

Now I have quite a few buttonhole methods at my disposal my original nervousness has disappeared and I rather enjoy making them. I cannot think I shall ever be able to perform them quite as magically as the lady at that seminar. From the recesses of my memory banks I seem to get a picture of her casting off the stitches with a length of matching yarn and then casting them on again for the following row. I feel sure that her buttonholes were completed as she made them without needing the finishing that mine did (do). Maybe one of my sympathetic readers will be able to enlighten me.

On reflection it seems that I have been trying to save time when I have approached making buttonholes. I suppose I was trying to run before I could walk but there was so much to learn and in the end it all becomes second nature. I do know it wasn't laziness that made me go for the easy ways, after all, had I been that lazy I could have been like a young mother I know who, on finding that there was a button off her baby's cardigan, simply cut off the remaining buttons rather than sew that one on.

In other words, if you don't have buttons, you don't need buttonholes.

Shelagh Hollingworth

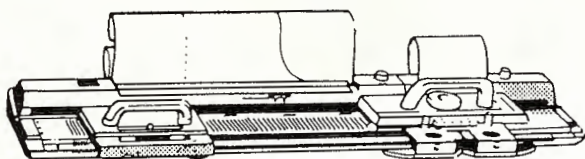
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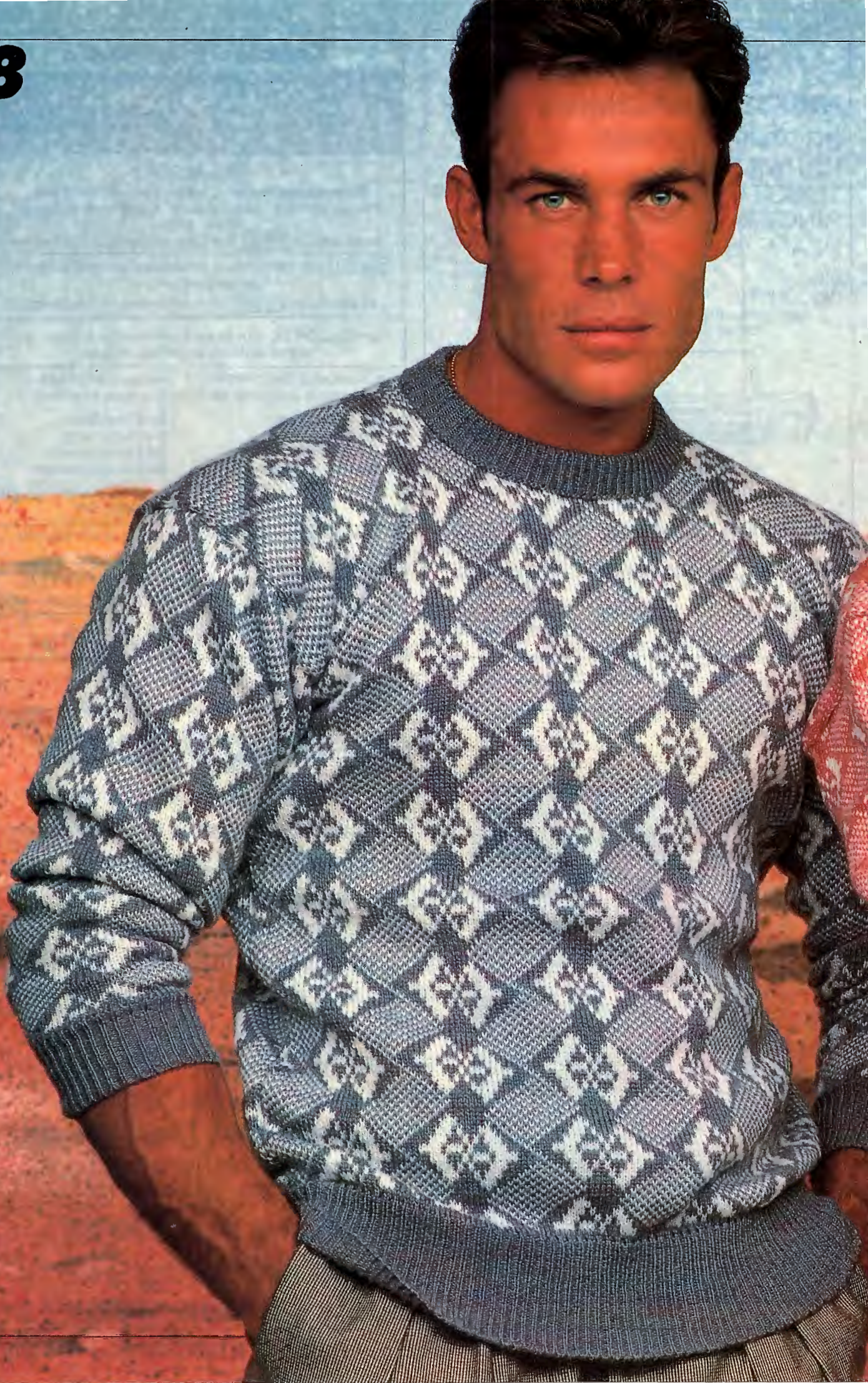
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PATTERN PARADE

This month's Pattern Parade features another striking design from Fran Francis. We've used Forsell's Shamal in Tuscany and White for Her sweater and Marble and White for His. Shamal, a blend of 80% Acrylic 20% Wool, is an ideal choice for easy care and quality finish. We're sure that this punchcard design will be a favourite for the autumn evenings ahead.

BACK

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 66 [70, 73, 77, 80, 84, 87, 91, 94, 98] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 132 [140, 146, 154, 160, 168, 174, 182, 188, 196] Ns. Push corresponding Ns on ribber to WP. Arrange Ns for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on and K 5 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Insert card and lock on first row. Set RC at 000. Using MT-6/MT-6, K 30 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Insert card and lock on first row. Push 66 [70, 73, 76, 79, 84, 87, 91, 94, 97] Ns at left and 65 [70, 73, 76, 79, 83, 86, 91, 94, 97] Ns at right of centre 0 to WP. 131 [140, 146, 152, 158, 167, 173, 182, 188, 194] Ns. * Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and MC, K 55 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed *.

1ST, 6TH AND 7TH SIZES

Inc 1 st at right edge.

4TH, 5TH AND 10TH SIZES

Inc 1 st at each end.

ALL SIZES

132 [140, 146, 154, 160, 168, 174, 182, 188, 196] sts.

ALL MACHINES

Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt with MC in feeder 1(A) and C in feeder 2(B). K 115 rows. RC shows 116 and work measures 38 cm, 15 in. Place marker at each end **. K 72 [72, 76, 76, 80, 80, 84, 84, 88, 88] rows. RC shows 188 [188, 192, 192, 196, 196, 200, 200, 204, 204] and work measures 58 [58, 59, 59, 60, 60, 61, 61, 62, 62] cm, 23 [23, 23 1/4, 23 1/4, 23 3/4, 23 3/4, 24, 24, 24 1/2, 24 1/2] in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 7 [7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10] sts at beg of next 12 rows and 4 [7, 9, 6, 8, 11, 7, 10, 12, 9] sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Cast off rem 40 [42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58] sts.

FRONT

Work as for Back to **.

K 56 [56, 60, 60, 64, 60, 64, 64, 68, 68] rows. 16 [16, 16, 16, 16,

8 HIS 'N' HER ROUND NECK SWEATER

PATTERN RATING

* Easy to knit.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge punchcard machines with or without a ribber.

MATERIALS

Forsell's Shamal.

1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in main colour (MC)

1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in contrast colour (C).

The fibre content of Shamal is 80% Acrylic, 20% Wool. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address: T. Forsell & Son Ltd., Blaby Road, South Wigston, Leicester LE8 2SG.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust or chest 82 [87, 92, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117, 122, 127] cm, 32 [34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50] in.

Actual size 93 [98, 103, 108, 113, 118, 123, 128, 133, 138] cm, 36 1/2 [38 1/2, 40 1/2, 42 1/2, 44 1/2, 46 1/2, 48 1/2, 50 1/2, 52 1/2, 54 1/2] in.

Length to back neck 62 [62, 63, 63, 64, 64, 65, 65, 66, 66] cm, 24 1/2 [24 1/2, 24 3/4, 24 3/4, 25 1/4, 25 1/4, 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 26, 26] in.

Sleeve seam 47 [47, 47, 47, 47, 48, 48, 48, 48, 48] cm, 18 1/2 [18 1/2, 18 1/2, 18 1/2, 19, 19, 19, 19, 19] in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

28 stitches and 36 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over Fair Isle pattern (tension dial setting approximately 8).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Punch card, as shown, before starting to knit.

20, 20, 20, 20, 20] rows less have been worked to shoulder than on Back.

SHAPE NECK

Using a length of MC, cast off centre 14 [14, 16, 16, 18, 18, 20, 20, 22, 22] sts. Note patt row on card. Using nylon cord, K 59 [63, 65, 69, 71, 75, 77, 81, 83, 87] sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. K 1 row. Dec 1 st [1 st in] at neck edge on every row until 46 [49, 51, 54, 56, 59, 61, 64, 66, 69] sts rem. K 2 [1, 1, 0, 0, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1] rows.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 7 [7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10] sts at beg of next and foll 5 alt rows. K 1 row. Cast off rem 4 [7, 9, 6, 8, 11, 7, 10, 12, 9] sts. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord bringing Ns back to WP. Lock card on number previously noted. Take carriage to left without knitting. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Finish to correspond with first side reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Push 35 [35, 38, 38, 41, 41, 44, 44, 47, 47] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 70 [70, 76, 76, 82, 82, 88, 88, 94, 94] Ns. Insert card and lock on first row. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Set RC at 000. Using MT and MC, K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt with MC in feeder 1(A) and C in feeder 2(B). Shape sides by inc 1 st (1st in) at each end of every 6th row until there are 112 [112, 118, 118, 124, 124, 130, 130, 136, 136] sts. K 21 [21, 21, 21, 21, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25] rows. RC shows 148 [148, 148, 148, 148, 152, 152, 152, 152, 152] and work measures 41 [41, 41, 41, 41, 42, 42, 42, 42, 42] cm, 16 [16, 16, 16, 16, 16 1/2, 16 1/2, 16 1/2, 16 1/2, 16 1/2] in. Cast off.

CUFFS

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on 54 [54, 58, 58, 62, 62, 66, 66, 70, 70] sts in 1x1 rib. K 5 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-6/MT-6, K 30 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 53 [53, 59, 59, 62, 62, 65, 65, 71, 71] Ns to WP. Work as for Back from * to *.

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3RD, 4TH, 9TH AND 10TH SIZES

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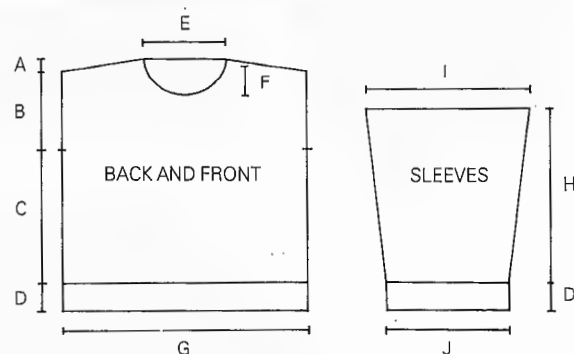
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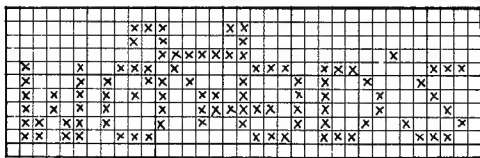
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MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Using MC, cast on 124 [128, 132, 136, 140, 146, 150, 154, 158, 162] sts in 1x1 rib. K 5



- A = 4 cm
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- C = 32 cm
- D = 6 cm
- E = 14 [15, 15.5, 16, 17, 17.5, 18.5, 19, 20, 20.5] cm
- F = 8 [8, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9] cm
- G = 46.5 [49, 51.5, 54, 56.5, 59, 61.5, 64, 66.5, 69] cm
- H = 41 [41, 41, 41, 41, 42, 42, 42, 42, 42] cm
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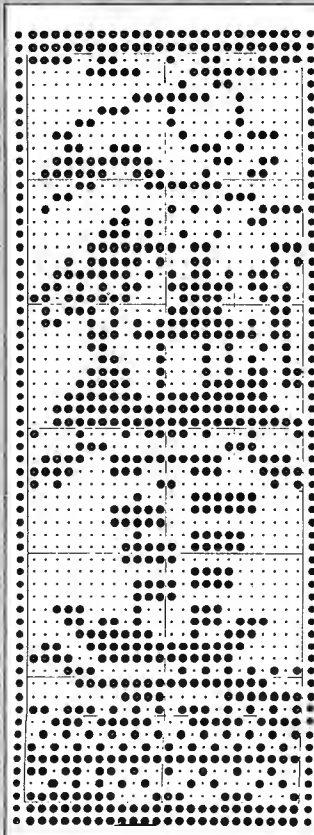
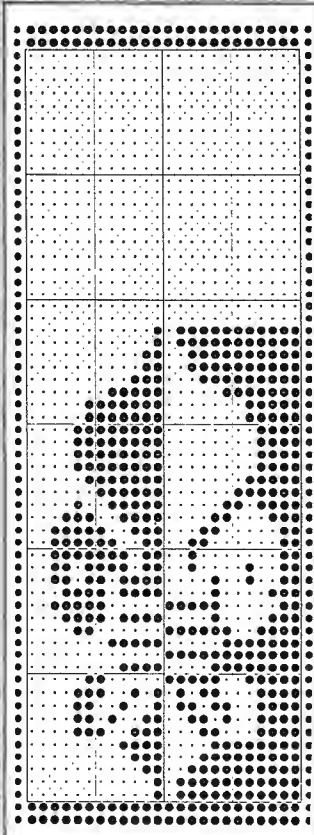
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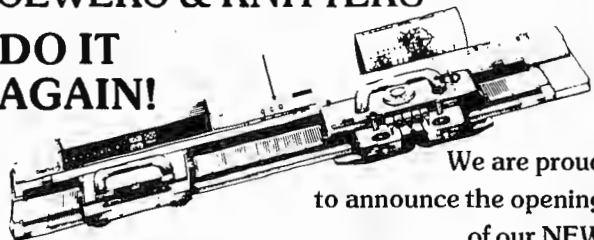
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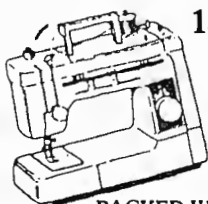
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DEAR ANNE...

Dear Anne

I am a real beginner and feel pretty despondent quite often, so it is refreshing to read articles that seem to indicate that I am not alone. I am very glad you have started a series for owners of Brother machines.

Quite apart from the actual knitting I found the language of yarn names took some understanding. I would think that other readers new to the machine knitting world would also appreciate articles showing and describing various yarns with their names, manufacturers, uses, prices and so on.

It is so sad and exasperating that the shops, so eager to sell machines, are reluctant to follow up with lessons and those that are available are not well presented, often given at the rate of an express train so that the untuned ear becomes 'deaf' and facts float by. Further Education Centres in this area, at least, offer few and indifferent classes, the greatest

problem being that authorities insist on 'viable numbers' regardless of the fact that such an intricate skill needs concentrated instruction. Add to the numbers the variety of makes of machines and levels of ability and the newcomer is quickly bewildered and lost, especially as in many cases the 'teacher' is generally untrained in the skill of teaching and class organisation. At best, those that I've encountered are people who have been machine knitting for a few years with reasonable success for themselves and friends but this does not mean they can impart information in a logical way to a class of people with different levels of intelligence.

Climbing down from my soap-box I will close with all good wishes for continued success with the magazine to you and all concerned.

Yours sincerely
Rosemary Audas
Portsmouth

★ STAR LETTER

Dear Anne

I became intrigued with punchcard design when reading Kathleen Kinder's Resource Book for Machine Knitters.

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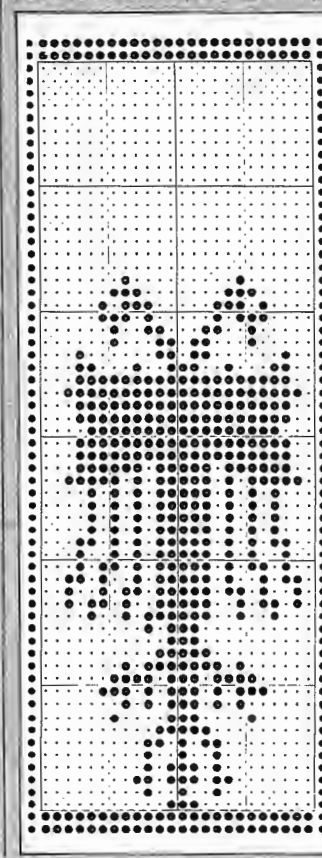
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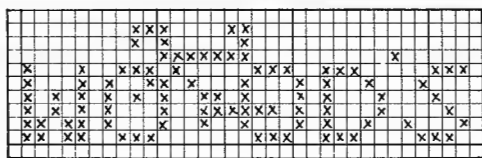
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My wife and I are in the Caravan Club and the National Trust. When touring we visit Stately Homes, Abbeys and so on. Harles Abbey thought was fantastic. In the small museum at the Abbey is a display of floor tiles – thirteenth century no less. I sketched only a few, a fleur-de-lys, a double-headed eagle. A castle on one of the tiles was the House of Castile in Spain. The fleur-de-lys is Norman. As for the double-headed eagle, I thought immediately of Eastern Europe, Prussia or somewhere. However, in those times, that is the thirteenth century, the double-headed eagle represented the Holy Roman Empire. The two heads are for the East and West, mainly Europe.

History of this period is very interesting, for it was the time of Robin Hood, King John, the Magna Carta and Richard I. Very turbulent times.

However, on a visit to Packwood House near Kenilworth, out came my sketchpad. Kurdistan Carpets! You may





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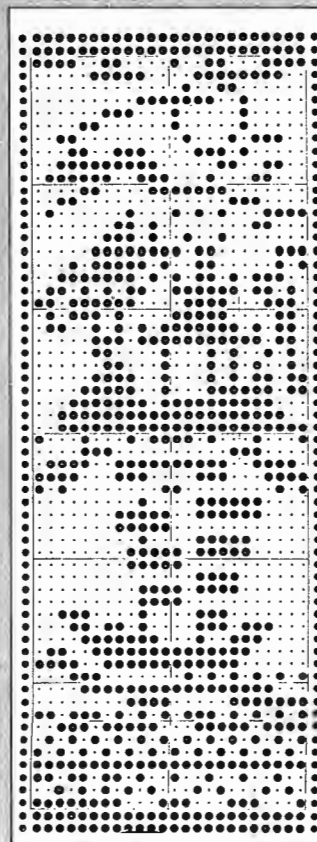
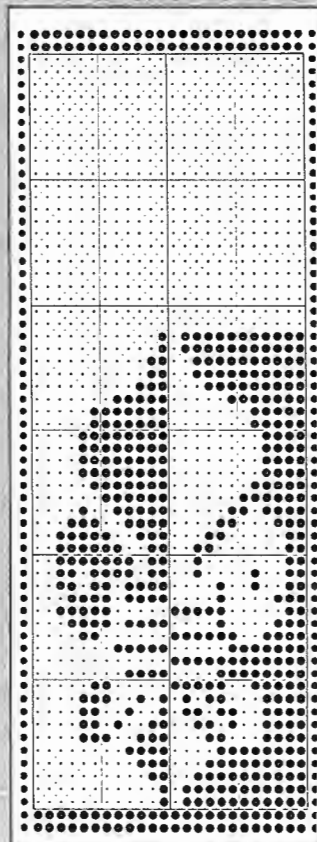
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Arrangements for the 3rd Scottish Knitting Fayre are now being stitched together and incredibly, the plain truth is, that this year's show will be bigger, brighter and better than ever.

The four action-packed days begin on Thursday 28th September, when the Royal Highland Showground at Ingliston, Edinburgh will be transformed into a knitters' paradise as Baccara Productions and sponsors Machine Knitting Monthly join forces to stage Scotland's finest show in Britain's foremost area for hand and machine knitting.

It will be like stepping into a fantasy world where simply no area of the knitting world has been left out.

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There will be daily demonstrations of the latest state of the art machines, specially designed for the 1990s, from Pfaff, Brother, Toyota and Singer, all of whom will also have a stream of experts on hand to answer all your questions.

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Guesswork, not forgetting those already mentioned – and that's to name just a few!

Apart from yarns, machines and an abundance of help, guidance and specialist expertise, the 3rd Scottish Knitting Fayre will be bursting at the seams with exhibits from top designers and every conceivable knitting accessory ranging from needles and buttons to sewing furniture and lace making.

Some of the country's most famous household names like Iris Bishop, Ann Durkan and Sue Green will be exhibiting for the first time this year, and they will join old friends of the show, Mary Dowse, Fran Francis and Thelma Dawson, all of whom will be making a welcome return to the show, as will the Scottish Machine Knitters' Association and the Edinburgh Knitting and Crochet Guild and show sponsors, Machine Knitting Monthly.

Of course the 3rd Scottish Knitting Fayre wouldn't be complete without the full range of entertainment in the theatre and a non-stop miscellany of activities will be taking place on stage throughout the day.

Taking pride of place will be the free fashion shows staged by the country's leading fashion consultant Paul Baccara at 11.00am, 1.30pm and 4.00pm – definitely not to be missed.

Also not to be forgotten are the

lectures, talks and demonstrations live on stage by Pfaff, Singer, Brother and guest celebrities.

Something else new for 1989 are the opening days – this year the show will be open on Sunday, which will fully compliment Scotland's biggest Sunday Market which takes place next door.

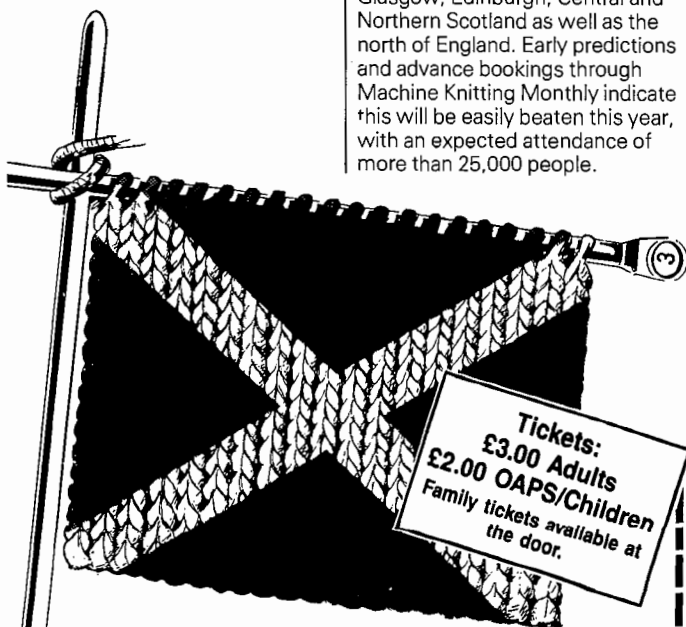
From experience, visitors to the Scottish Knitting Fayre won't just come along on one day. Many turn up on all four days, arriving with packed lunches and flasks of

tea and leaving laden with bargains galore.

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There's ample free parking adjacent to the showground and again this year there will be special buses laid on from Edinburgh and Glasgow.

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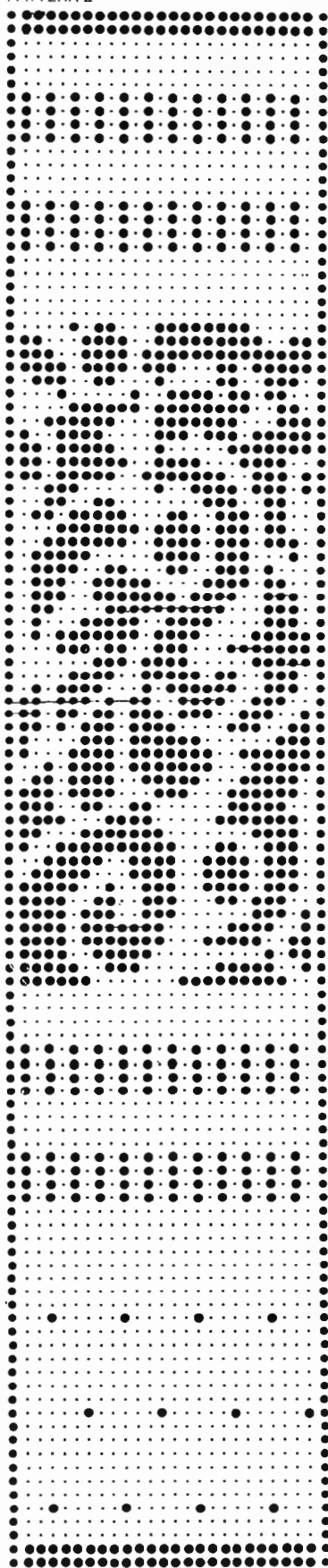
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BACK

Insert punchcard 2 and lock on first row. Push 82 [86, 90, 94, 98] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 164 [172, 180, 188, 196] Ns. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a

PATTERN 2



9 FLORAL BORDER SWEATER

PATTERN RATING

* Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge punchcard machines.

MATERIALS

Atkinson's Pearl

1 (1, 1, 1, 1) x 500g cone in White (MC)

1 (1, 1, 1, 1) x 500g cone in Wisenera (A)

1 (1, 1, 1, 1) x 500g cone in Citrus (B)

The fibre content of this yarn is 70% Cotton, 30% Viscose. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - Atkinson Yarn Designer Collection, Terry Mills, Ossett, West Yorkshire WF5 9SA.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is fine weight and knits as two ply, see knitting Notes.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust H7 [92, 97, 102, 107] cm, 34 [36, 38, 40, 42] in. Actual size 101 [106, 111, 116, 121] cm, 39½ [41½, 43½, 45½, 47½] in.

Length to shoulder 59.5 [61, 62.5, 65, 66.5] cm, 23 [24, 24½, 25½, 26½] in.

Sleeve seam 45 [45, 46, 46, 47] cm, 17¾ [17¾, 18, 18, 18½] in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

32 stitches and 45 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over Fair Isle pattern 1 using two strands of yarn together throughout (tension dial setting approximately 6).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Punch cards, as shown, before starting to knit. Knit two colour Fair Isle rows with first colour given in back feeder 1(A) to knit background and second colour given in front feeder 2(B) to knit contrast pattern. Use two strands of yarn together throughout.

FAIR ISLE PATTERN 1

K 1 row MC/A, 6 rows MC only (st st). These 7 rows form pattern repeat.

FAIR ISLE PATTERN 2

K 2 rows MC only (st st), 1 row MC/A, 6 rows MC only (st st), 1 row MC/A, 8 rows MC only (st st), 1 row MC/A, 3 rows MC only (st st), 4 rows A only (st st), 1 row B only (st st), cont in slip/skip st. K 4 rows B. Cont in st st. K 2 rows A and 1 row B. Cont in slip/skip st. K 4 rows B. Cont in Fair Isle. K 4 rows MC only (st st), 50 rows B/A, 4 rows MC only (st st), 1 row B only (st st). Cont in slip/skip st. K 4 rows B. Cont in st st. K 2 rows A and 1 row B. Cont in slip/skip st. K 4 rows B. Cont in st st. K 4 rows A. Remove card. Insert card 1 and lock on first row. K 4 rows MC. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt 1.

few rows ending with carriage at right. Set RC at 000. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt 2 using two strands of yarn tog. K 120 [130, 138, 148, 156] rows. Work measures 25 [27.5, 29, 31.5, 33] cm, 9¾ [10¾, 11½, 12½, 13] in. Place marker at each end *. K 110 rows.

SHAPE NECK

Note patt row on card. Using a length of MC, cast off centre 32 sts. Using nylon cord, K 66 [70,

74, 78, 82] sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 6 rows. Using WY, K a few rows in st st over rem 60 [64, 68, 72, 76] sts and release from machine. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over rem Ns bringing Ns back to WP. Lock card on number previously noted. Take carriage to left without knitting. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Finish to

correspond with first side, reversing shapings.

FRONT

Work as for back to *. K 86 rows. 30 rows less have been worked to shoulder than on back.

SHAPE NECK

Note patt row on card. Using a length of MC, cast off centre 20 sts. Using nylon cord, K 72 [76, 80, 84, 88] sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 12 rows. K 18 rows. Using WY, K a few rows in st st over rem 60 [64, 68, 72, 76] sts and release from machine. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over rem Ns bringing Ns back to WP. Lock card on number previously noted. Take carriage to left without knitting. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Finish to correspond with first side, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Push 41 [41, 43, 43, 45] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 82 [82, 86, 86, 90] Ns. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Insert punchcard 1 and lock on first row. Set RC at 000. Using two strands of MC tog, K 4 rows. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt 1. Shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 4th row until there are 164 sts. K 11 [11, 23, 23, 36] rows. RC shows 176 [176, 180, 180, 185] and work measures 39 [39, 40, 40, 41] cm, 15½ [15½, 15¾, 15¾, 16¼] in. Cast off.

WELTS

Push 64 [67, 70, 73, 76] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 128 [134, 140, 146, 152] Ns. With P side facing, pick up 164 [172, 180, 188, 196] sts from lower edge and place on to Ns gathering evenly. Insert punchcard 1 and lock on first row. Set RC at 000. Using two strands of MC tog, K 4 rows. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt 1. K 68 rows. RC shows 72. Cast off.

CUFFS

Push 29 [29, 31, 31, 33] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 58 [58, 62, 62, 66] Ns. With P side facing, pick up 82 [82, 86, 86, 90] sts from lower edge of sleeve and place on to Ns gathering evenly. Insert punchcard 1 and lock on first row. Set RC at 000. Using two strands of MC tog, K 2 rows. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt 1. K 52 rows. RC shows 54. Cast off.

COLLAR

Push 63 Ns at left and right of



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10 WOMAN'S DRESS

Make this simply cut but very feminine, figure-flattering dress with the help of a Butterick "Collection" pattern. The bodice is loosely cut but the waist is cunningly nipped in with clever pleating; the skirt, also pleated at the waist, tapers towards the hem. We knitted the tuck-stitch fabric in an attractively slubbed yarn which produces black and white specks on a red background.

PATTERN RATING

KNITTING THE FABRIC

Easy to knit.

CUTTING AND SEWING THE FABRIC

For those with basic dressmaking skills.

MACHINES

The fabric was knitted on a standard gauge machine. The garment can be sewn on any swing-needle sewing machine, with or without the help of an overlocking machine.

YARN

We used two 450g cones of Amberyarn Festival in Shade 20 for our Size 10 dress. Eleven other shades are available. Fibre content is 53% Viscose, 36% Acrylic, 11% Polyester. If you have any difficulty in obtaining this yarn and would like a list of your local stockists, please write to Amberyarn, Greendale Mills, Windhill, Shipley, West Yorkshire BD18 1QB.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is very fine weight and knits as two ply.

SEWING REQUIREMENTS

Pattern: Butterick "Collection" Pattern No. 3361. Available in sizes 6-8-10, 12-14-16 and 18-20-22: from stockists or direct from Butterick Fashion Marketing Co., New Lane, Havant, Hants PO9 2ND. Patterns for alternative short sleeves and flared skirt are included.

Additional purchased woven fabric: just sufficient polyester lining fabric to cut the neck facings and the front hem facing. **Interfacing** Vilene Ultrasoft Lightweight, fusible: just sufficient for the neck facings. Vilene lightweight Fold-a-Band, sufficient to interface the pleat at the centre-back hem; we used 28 cm (11 in) for the size 10 dress.

Zip fastener: 55 cm (22 in) nylon (we used a YKK Beulon zip), to match the knit.

Polyester sewing thread to

CUT'N' SEW

NOTE FOR NEW READERS

All garments which are shown under the heading of Cut-and-Sew are constructed by dressmaking methods using straight lengths of machine-knitted fabric cut, in most cases, with the aid of printed paper patterns. Basic instructions have already been printed in previous issues.

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March - Child's Dressing-gown

April - Woman's Striped trousers

May - Tuck-stitch Dress

June - Beginners Skirt

July - Buttoned Top

August - Waistcoat

Back issues are obtainable.

More detailed information on Cut and Sew can be found in 'Knit, Cut and Sew: The Basics' by Pam Turbett, at £4.95 plus 50p p&p. If you'd like more information, drop us a line at the usual address on page 3. Also, 'The Techniques of Cut and Sew', Pam Turbett (Batsford 1988) available at bookshops or from Direct Sales, B. T. Batsford Ltd, 4 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 0AH.

match knit. We used Mölnlycke 100% polyester.

Shoulder pads: 1 pair for set-in sleeves; we used Vilene's "Shaped" pads in Small size.

Tape: cotton, 6mm (1/4 in) wide: sufficient to stabilise both armhole seamlines and the waist seamline; we used 2.25m (2 1/2 yds) for the size 10 dress.

ADJUSTMENTS TO PATTERN

Do these before starting to knit

the fabric!

Check the measurements of the pattern pieces against your own measurements and make any necessary alterations such as shortening, lengthening, adding extra space for a large bust or a "dowager's hump", etc. In this pattern, the dress is intended to fit loosely over the bust, but the pleats draw the fabric in to fit the waist snugly. Two alternative levels are given for the hem: one at mid-knee and the other below mid-knee.

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

You will need to attach tape to the shoulder, armhole and waist seamlines to prevent them stretching out of shape. Alternatively, it might be possible to eliminate the centre back zip if you put elastic into the waist seamline instead of tape; tack up the centre-back seam and then try the dress on to make sure that you can in fact pull the dress over your head, before deciding on this option. Note that the Front hem has a shaped facing (pattern piece 8 or 9 depending upon which length you use); this should be cut from the polyester lining fabric. The pleat at Centre-Back hem should be interfaced with Fold-a-Band to keep it firm.

TENSION

We used tension dial setting 2 for the tuck stitch fabric.

TO KNIT THE FABRIC

Knit a tension square: measure it and then wash it at low temperature (approximately 40 degrees, as for minimum wash on the wool cycle): dry and steam-press it. Re-measure the square and note any changes in its dimensions. Calculate how many needles you will need to produce slightly more than the width required to cut the pattern pieces: See the suggested layout in Fig. 1 for sizes up to 14, and in Fig. 2 for sizes above 14. Note that a separate length, in a suitable width, is suggested for the sleeve pieces. The required widths of fabric will vary according to the body size being cut: i.e. size 6 will require a lot less width than size 22. Using MY, cast on over the required number of needles. Using MT, K sufficient length of fabric in each required width.

PRE-WASHING

To avoid any later change of shape, wash the fabric, before cutting it, in water at the normal washing temperature; we used

Wash Programme Number 7 (minimum wash on wool cycle). Spin dry and complete drying.

PRESSING

Press the knit thoroughly with a steam-iron at steam setting, first on one side and then on the other, in order to soften, straighten and flatten it, whilst also bonding the fibres together. Check that the rows are at right angles to the selvages. Leave to cool.

CUTTING OUT, INTERFACING AND MARKING

1. Place pattern pieces 1, 2, 6, 7 and 10 on the knit, as shown in Fig. 1; in this particular case, you could fold the knitted fabric, exactly down the centre so that you can then cut each pattern piece on a double layer (take care to keep the rows straight); however, if you are cutting a size larger than 14, you probably have insufficient width to do this: follow the layout suggested in Fig. 2 instead, adding seam allowances at Centre Front. Make sure that you will be cutting both left and right halves - don't, for example, cut two left sleeves!

2. Pin pattern to knitted fabric, using glass-headed pins. Keep both paper and fabric absolutely flat.

3. Cut with sharp shears. Slide the shears along the table top, avoiding lifting the fabric.

Note: allow a little extra fabric, about 1.2 cm (1/2 in), outside the cutting lines when cutting across the fabric, i.e. parallel with the rows, to allow for lengthwise contraction after cutting. Check some time after cutting and trim off this extra fabric if contraction has not occurred.

4. Place paper pattern pieces 1 and 2 so that the shoulder seamlines are aligned together; you can then measure exactly the distance from the back end of the armhole seamline to the front end; stand the tape measure on its edge to make it go round the curves. Cut two lengths of tape

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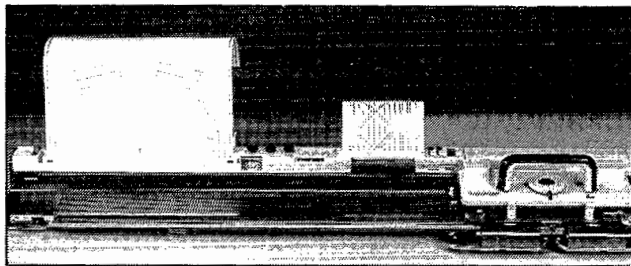
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exactly this length; place them on the paper pattern, exactly on the seamline position, and mark on the tape the two notches on the back armhole, the one notch on the front armhole and the shoulder-line point.

5. Place pattern pieces 3, 4 and either 8 or 9, on the folded polyester lining fabric, as shown in Fig. 3. Pin and cut out.

6. Pin pattern pieces 3 and 4 to the Vilene interfacing as shown in the 4th column on P. 1 of the pattern instruction sheets. Cut out.

7. Fuse interfacing pieces 3 and 4 to the appropriate woven polyester lining pieces. For Vilene Ultrasoft, place interfacing rough side down on w.s. of woven fabric, cover with damp cloth and press with hot iron till cloth is dry. 8. Mark all dots, notches, etc. with cloth-marking pen or pencil. The tucks, at the lower front of the bodice and the upper front of the skirt, have to be marked on the right side of the knitted fabric: this presents a problem because this particular knit is rather difficult to mark; try sewing in contrasting coloured threads, using one colour for the large circles and a different colour for the small circles.

TO SEW UP THE GARMENT

In general, follow the directions in the pattern instruction sheets, but read first the points listed below, marking them on the instruction sheets where appropriate; these will help you to avoid some of the pitfalls inherent in sewing knitted fabrics. Remember to press well each time you have finished a seam.

Note: when you get to the stage of machining several layers of the knit together, there can be a problem when trying to position the fabrics under the presser foot – the knit tends to get snagged on the feed teeth; solve this by simply lowering the feed – but remember to raise it again when you are ready to start stitching!

1. Do the necessary seam finishing at shoulder seams, side seams, sleeve seams, etc. *before starting to assemble the garment.* Do small trial pieces first and then use whichever sewing machine stitch works best for this, making adjustments to tension, stitch-width and stitch-length as necessary; aim to produce a reasonably neatly-finished edge which is neither stretched out nor puckered up. For the best results, use an overlocking machine if you have one, or can borrow one.

2. Page 1 of the instruction sheets: Column 5, Bodice Front and Bodice Back: We actually top-stitched the pleats in position, for 5 cm (2 in) upwards from the lower edge of the bodice.

3. Bottom of Column 5: remember to cut two lengths of pre-shrunk cotton tape the precise length of the shoulder

seamline, using the paper pattern as your guide; tack one to each shoulder seamline on the wrong side of the Bodice Back, centering it exactly over the seamline. Machine-stitch the seamline through all three layers.

4. Page 2, Column 1: when applying the neck facing, it is easier if you keep the facing on top and the knit underneath. Do carry out the Understitching process; this will keep the facing neatly rolled to the inside of the dress. Before stitching the side

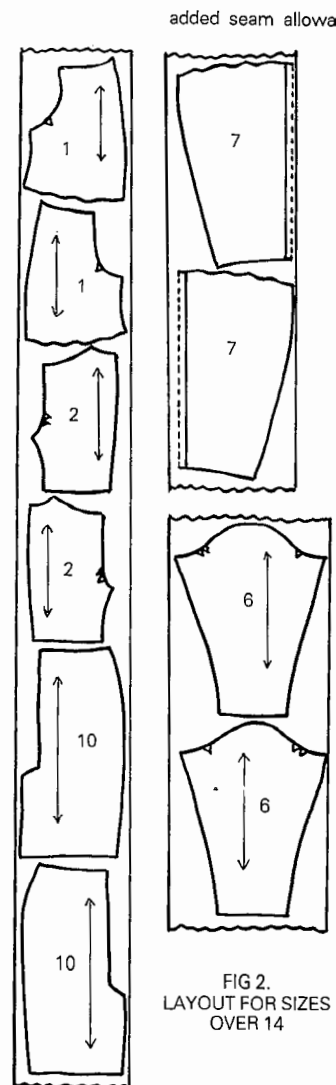


FIG 2.
LAYOUT FOR SIZES
OVER 14

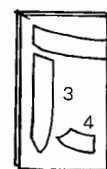


FIG 3.
LAYOUT FOR LINING FABRIC

8 or 9
FOLD OF FABRIC

seams, stabilise the armhole seamlines: pin the previously cut and marked tapes to the armhole seamlines on the wrong side of the Bodice, just as you did for the shoulder seams but matching the notches and the shoulder-line points. Tack in position; the armholes cannot then stretch out of shape when the sleeves are inserted.

5. Page 2, top of Column 2: top-stitch the Front Skirt pleats in position just as you did on the Front Bodice, for 5 cm (2 in) down

from the top.

6. Page 2, Column 2: insert the Fold-a-Band to stiffen the pleat in the Skirt Left Back.

7. Page 2, bottom of Column 3: remember to apply tape to the waist seamline on the wrong side of the Bodice before attaching the Skirt. If you have chosen to do without the zip, do not apply tape; add elastic to the seam allowances instead.

8. Shoulder pads: ideally cover these with some of the spare knitted fabric. Pam Turbett

centre 0 to WP. 126 Ns. Using two strands of MC tog, cast on by hand. Insert punchcard 1 and lock on first row. Set RC at 000. K 4 rows. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt 1. K 60 rows. RC shows 64. Cast off.

TO JOIN RIGHT SHOULDER

Push 60 [64, 68, 72, 76] Ns to WP. With K side of right back shoulder facing, replace sts on to Ns. With P side of right front shoulder facing, replace sts on to same Ns. Unravel WY. Using MT+4 and two strands of MC tog, K 1 row. Cast off.

TO JOIN LEFT SHOULDER

Work as for right shoulder,

reading left for right.

PRESSING

With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Press carefully following instructions on cone band.

MAKING UP

Set in sleeves between markers. Join side and sleeve seams. Fold welts and cuffs in half to inside and slip stitch in place. Sew cast on edge of collar into position with ends at centre front. Fold in half to inside and slip stitch into place. Neaten ends.

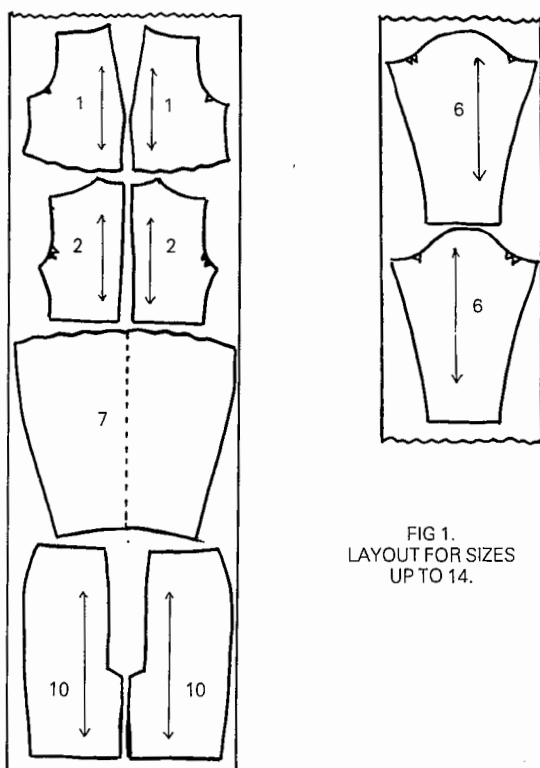
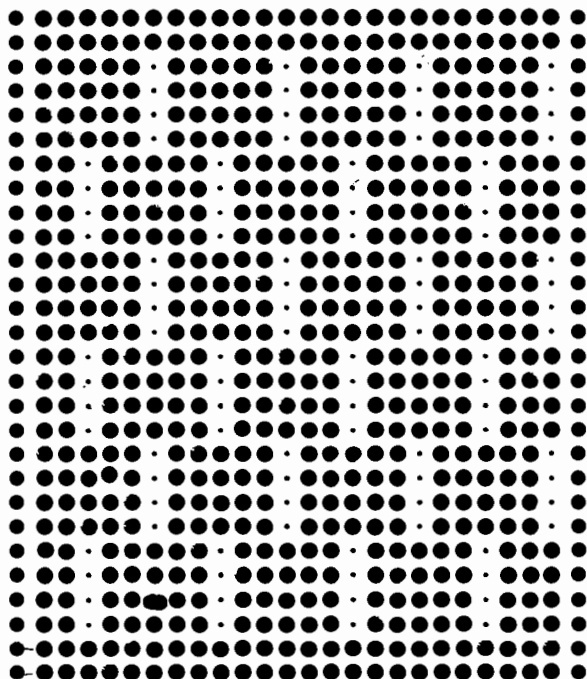
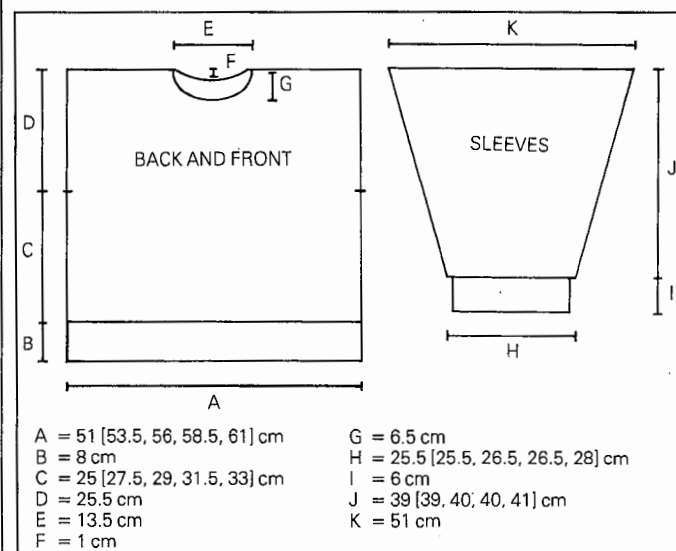
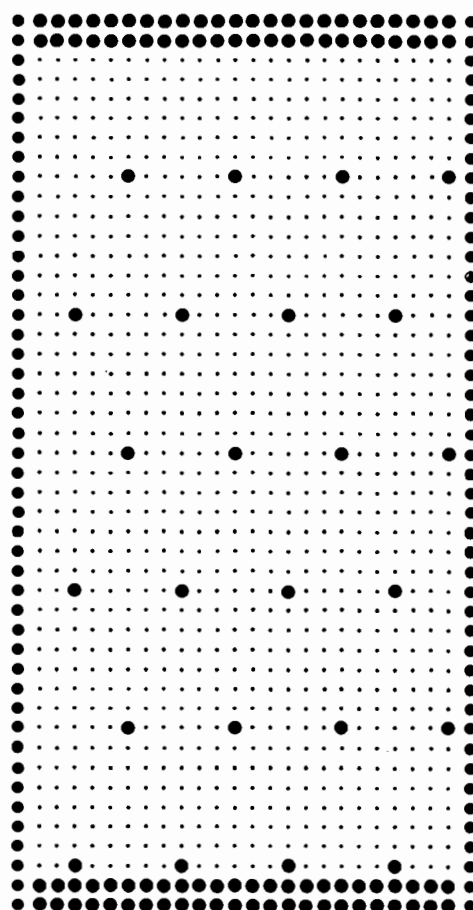


FIG 1.
LAYOUT FOR SIZES
UP TO 14.

PATTERN 1



RIS BISHOP SPECIAL

I have many requests from readers following my 'sports' designs in past issues of this magazine, for indoor sports motifs. One of the most popular sports is 'karate' and related sports which have similar clothing etc. I have therefore designed two figurative motifs this month, each one 24 stitches wide, so that they can be used individually for 24 stitch punchcard machines, or combined together (48 stitches) for electronic machines.

As usual, with my designs, there are no long 'floats' on the back, so they are suitable for children and I hope you have fun using them.

Sample A – Electronic machines: Knit welts etc. in black (navy or other dark colour).

* Knit 4 rows plain black.

Knit 2 rows plain white.

Knit 4 rows plain black. Remove black yarn from feeder.

Starting at row 1 of card, knit in Fair Isle (42 rows) with white in feeder 1 and black in feeder 2.

Repeat from * but change direction of motifs by using 'reverse motif' pattern variation switch or button.

24 stitch punchcard machines: Knit as for electronic machines, but use card 1 and card 2 alternately, to give variety.

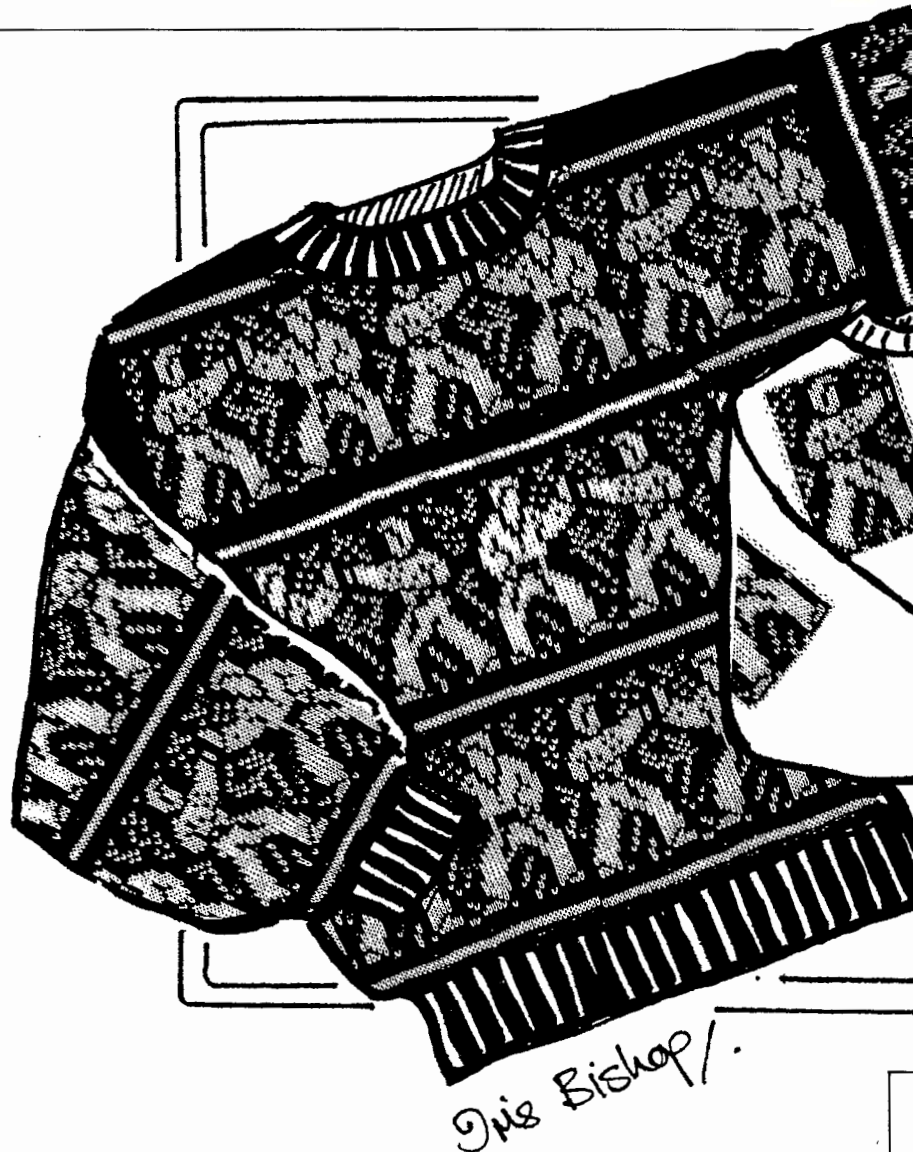
Sample B – Because the background colour of the motifs is knitted in feeder 2, an interesting 'patchwork' effect is produced, simply by knitting the designs as 'single motifs' (illustrated).

24 stitch punchcard machines: Knit main garment in plain white. Knit single motifs using card 1 or 2, as desired, over centre 24 needles of machine or any adjacent 24 needles (ie. needle nos. 13-36, 37-60 or 61-84 to left or right of centre '0').

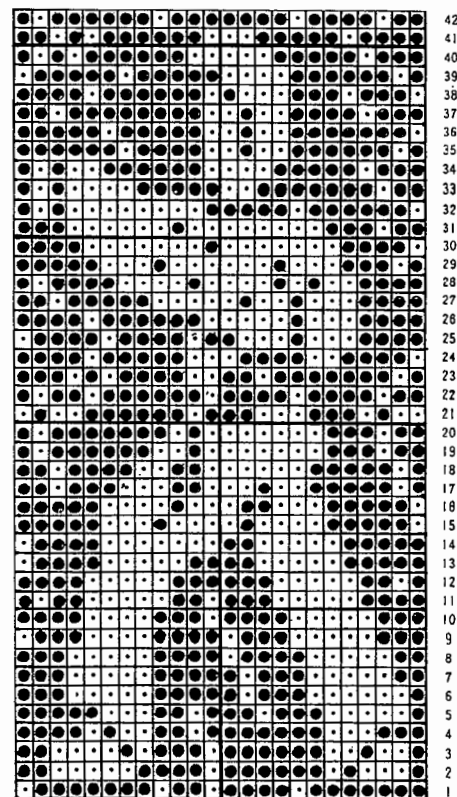
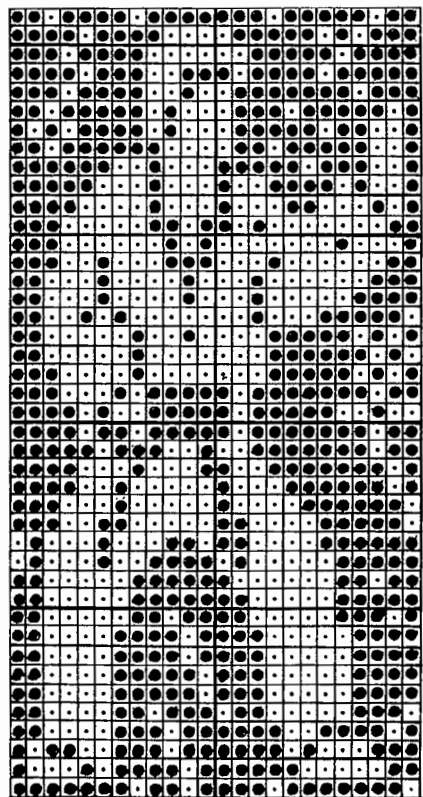
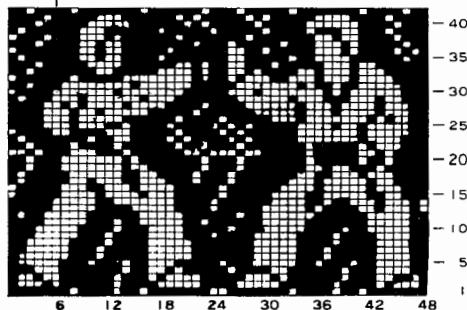
Knit motifs with white in feeder 1 and black in feeder 2. Wrap black yarn around 1st needle outside of motif area at beginning of each row, for neat finish.

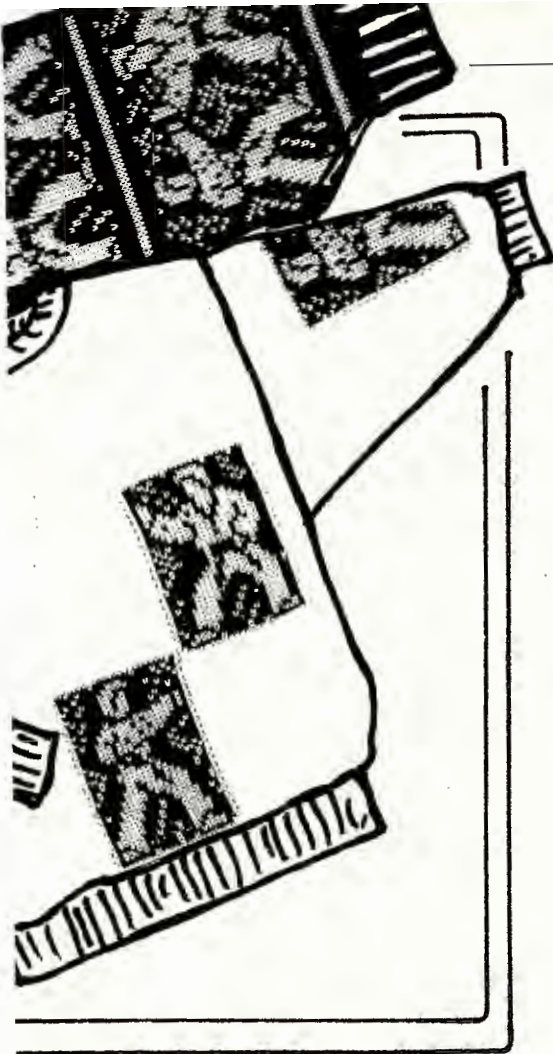
Electronic machines: Knit main garment in white and motifs with white in feeder 1 and black in feeder 2.

You can knit single motifs using either the complete 48 stitches (2 characters) or 24 stitches (one character only), as described in your machine instruction book.



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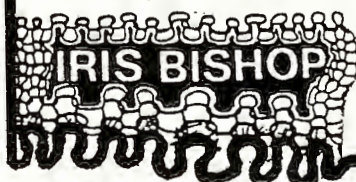
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11 WOMAN'S FAIR ISLE SWEATER

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for Singer Freestyle machines models 1 and 2 and models 2310 and 800.

MATERIALS

Forsell Pure New Wool 4 ply
 1 [1, 1] × 500g cone in Olive (MC)
 1 [1, 1] × 500g cone in Paprika (A)
 1 [1, 1] × 500g cone in Aqua (B)
 1 [1, 1] × 500g cone in Rosewood (C)

The fibre content of this yarn is 100% Pure New Wool. For further details about local or mail order stockists of this yarn, please write to the following address - T. Forsell & Son Ltd., Blaby Road, South Wigston, Leicester LE8 2SG

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 82 [87, 92] cm, 32 [34, 36] in.
 Actual size 90 [92, 99] cm, 35½ [36¼, 39] in.
 Length to shoulder 62.5 [63, 66.5] cm, 24½ [24¾, 26¼] in.
 Sleeve seam 53.5 [53.5, 55] cm, 21 [21, 21¾] in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size; larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

35 stitches and 38 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over Fair Isle pattern (stitch size setting approximately 6)

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Knit two colour Fair Isle rows with first colour given in back feeder to knit background and second colour given in front feeder to knit contrast pattern.

FAIR ISLE PATTERN

K 1 row MC only (1st st), 10 rows MC/A, 2 rows MC only (1st st), 10 rows MC/A, 2 rows MC only (1st st), 10 rows MC/B, 2 rows MC only (1st st), 10 rows MC/B, 2 rows MC only (1st st), 10 rows MC/C, 2 rows MC only (1st st), 10 rows MC/C and 1 row MC only (1st st). These 72 rows form pattern.

BACK

With carriage at right, set machine for 2×2 rib. Push 80 [82, 88] Ns at left and right of centre 0 on back bed to WP. 160 [164, 176] Ns. * Push corresponding Ns on front bed to WP. Arrange Ns for 2×2 rib. Using MC, cast on and K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set machine for 2×2 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using stitch size 3½/3½, K 30 rows. Transfer sts to back bed. Centre cursor and set cursor stops 15 Ns past first and last Ns in WP. Set pattern and box as shown in diagram *. Set RC at 000. Using stitch size 6, cont in Fair Isle patt **. K 214 [216, 228] rows. Work measures 62.5 [63, 66.5] cm, 35½ [36¼, 39] in. Place marker between sts 27 and 28 [28 and 29, 30 and 31] at left and right of centre 0. Cast off.

FRONT

Work as for back to **. K 178 [180, 192] rows. 36 rows less have been worked to shoulder than on back.

SHAPE NECK

Note patt row on card. Using a length of MC, cast off centre 12 [14, 18] sts. Push 74 [75, 79] Ns at left to HP and cont on rem sts for first side. K 1 row. Cast off 4 sts at beg of next row, K 1 row. Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row, K 1 row. Cast off 2 sts at beg of next row, K 1 row. Dec 1 st at beg of next and foll 11 alt rows. 53 [54, 58] sts. K 6 rows. Cast off. With carriage at left, push rem Ns back to WP. Set card to number previously noted. Finish to correspond with first side reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

With carriage at right, set machine for 2×2 rib. Push 38 [38, 40] Ns at

left and right of centre 0 on back bed to WP. 76 [76, 80] Ns. Work as for back from * to *. Set RC at 000. Using stitch size 6, cont in Fair Isle patt. Shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of every 4th row until there are 164 [164, 168] sts. K 4 [4, 10] rows. RC shows 180 [180, 186] and work measures 53.5 [53.5, 55] cm, 21 [21, 21¾] in. Cast off.

NECKBAND

With carriage at right, set machine for 2×2 rib. Push 160 [164, 170] Ns on back bed to WP. Push corresponding Ns on front bed to WP. Arrange Ns for 2×2 rib. Using MC, cast on and K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set

machine for 2×2 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using stitch size 3½/3½, K 40 rows. Transfer sts to back bed. Using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

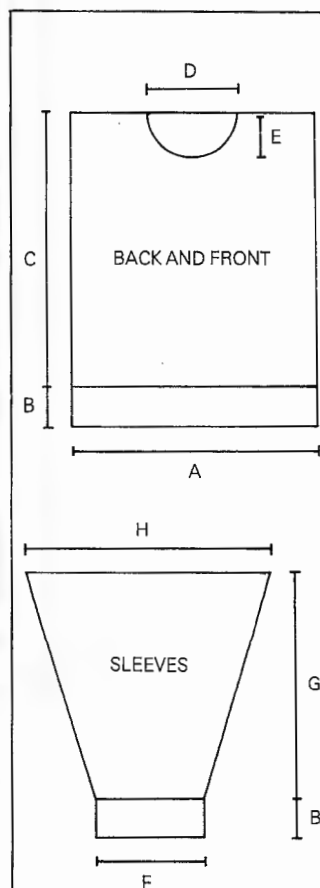
PRESSING

With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Press carefully following instructions on cone band.

MAKING UP

Join shoulder and neckband seams. Set in sleeves matching centre to shoulder seams. Join side and sleeve seams. Pin neckband into position. Unravelling WY as required, backstitch

through open loops of last row worked in MC. Fold in half to the inside and slip stitch into place.



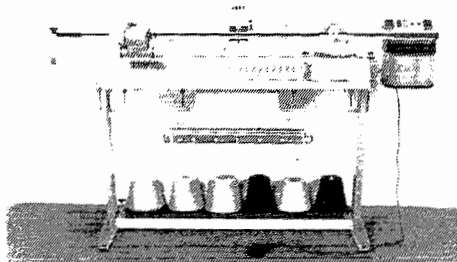
A = 45.5 [46.5, 50] cm
 B = 6.5 cm
 C = 56 [56.5, 60] cm
 D = 15 [16, 17] cm
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 F = 21.5 [21.5, 22.5] cm
 G = 47 [47, 48.5] cm
 H = 46.5 [46.5, 48] cm



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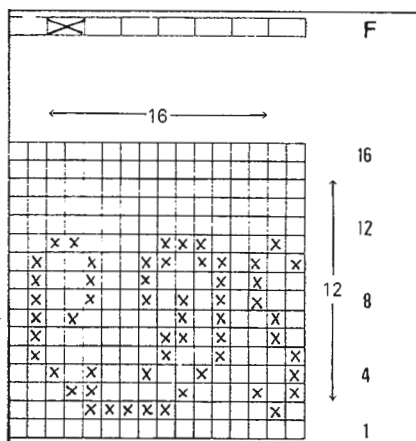
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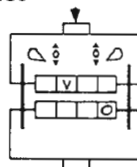
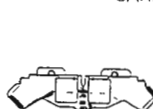
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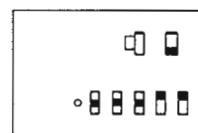


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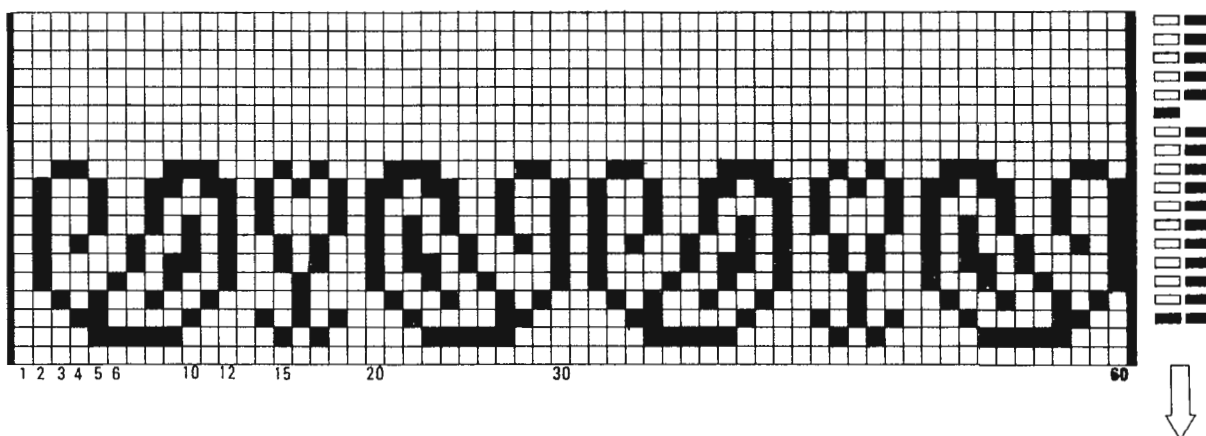
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SINGER SPECIAL

SINGLE BED FAIR ISLE

This month's pattern is using four ply yarn to knit an all over Fair Isle design sweater. Single bed Fair Isle is a method of knitting two colours or textures on a single bed.

One of the characteristics of this type of knitting is that there are floats on the reverse of the work; while one colour is being knitted, the second is carried on the wrong side creating a float. This of course restricts the kinds of designs which are most suitable and successful for this technique. A garment with very long floats is rather impractical to wear, hence traditional Fair Isle patterns are usually small repeated designs minimising the size of the floats. I would suggest that if the yarn will be carried behind for more than about seven

stitches, the design is probably not suitable for this method, though this does depend on the type of yarn.

Following the rib rows, all stitches are transferred to the back bed, with the empty needles on the front bed pushed into non working position. I normally leave the front carriage attached and cancel the knit key.

For both Freestyle machines, set the cursor stops 15 needles past the last needle in working position at each side and then program in and centralise the design. The carriage settings for this method are knit and jacquard keys in together and needle returning levers in the upper position. Attach and thread the second yarn guide, making sure this is in the correct position by gently pushing down on the top of

it; if incorrect it will touch the flow combs.

Move the cursor back to the right stop, next to but not touching the carriage and you are now ready to knit. Take the carriage across smoothly without stopping and try not to go too far past the cursor stops at each end, as this can cause looping. I usually hang an edge weight at each side as the floats tend to pull in the knitting.

If the carriage jams remember to first make a note of the pattern line or position, then take off the second yarn guide before trying to remove the carriage. Unpick back to the start of the row, replace the second yarn guide, return the design to the correct line and continue to knit.

NECK SHAPING

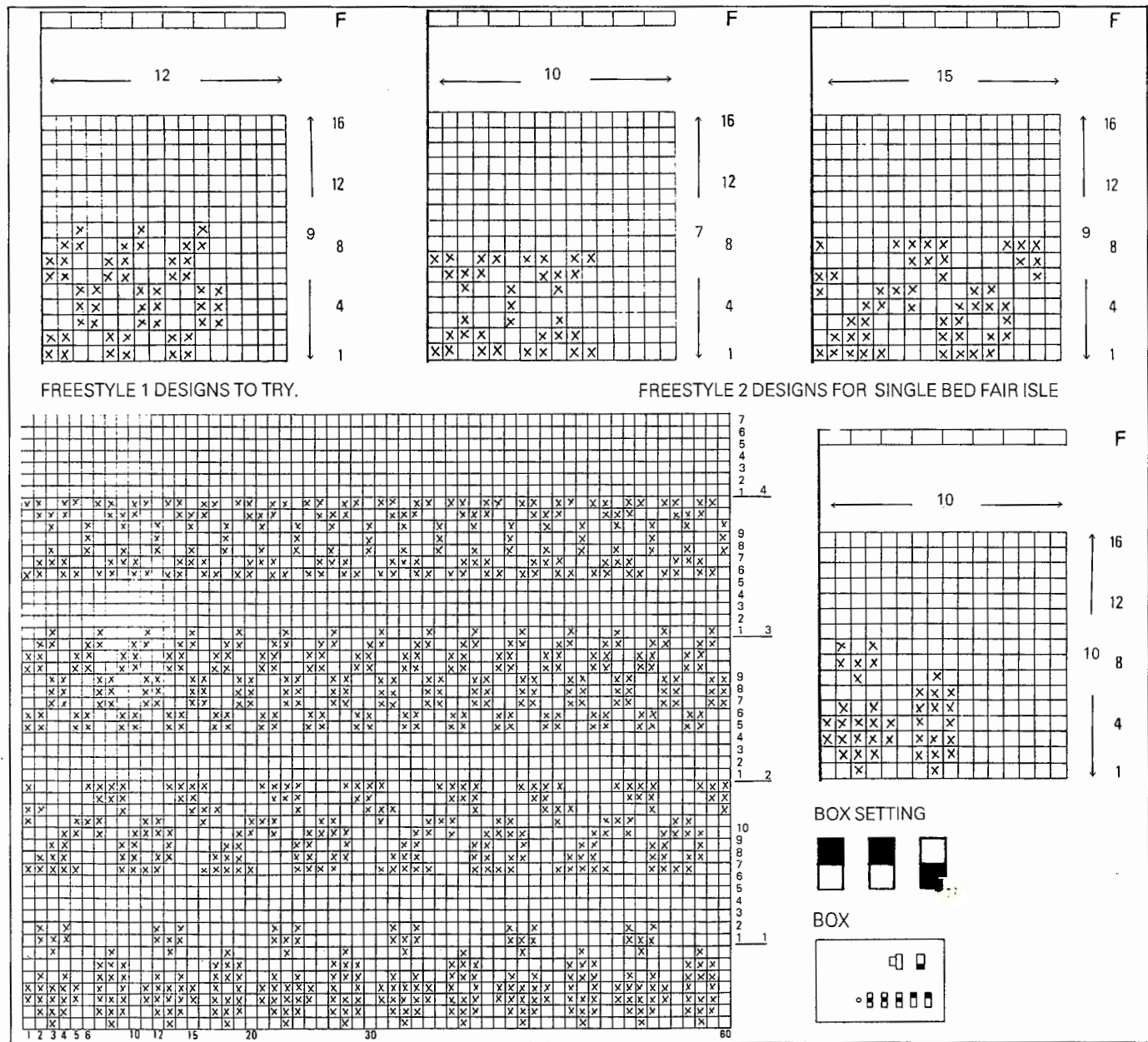
As the jacquard key is in for this

method, the needles will be automatically recalled if put into holding position, so an alternative has to be used.

There are several methods other than using holding position: either place the stitches on to waste yarn or nylon cord or transfer them on to the opposite needles on the front bed. Record the line number for the Freestyle 2, and the position of the pattern for the Freestyle 1. When you have completed the shapings on one side, reset the design to the correct position for the other side.

Remember to move the cursor stops to 15 needles past the last needle in working position when making the neck shapings and also to move them out when doing the sleeve shapings.

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BACK

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 82 [87, 92] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 164 [174, 184] Ns. * Push corresponding Ns on ribber to WP. Arrange Ns for 1x1 rib. Using A, cast on and K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4/MT-4, K 1 row. Using MC, K 20 rows. Transfer sts for st*.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 82 [87, 91] Ns at left and 82 [86, 91] Ns at right of centre 0 to WP. 164 [173, 182] Ns. * Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at right. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4 and MC, K 20 rows. Using C, K 5 rows. Using MC, K 20 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed*.

2ND SIZE

Inc 1 st at right edge.

3RD SIZE

Inc 1 st at each end.

ALL SIZES

164 [174, 184] sts.

ALL MACHINES

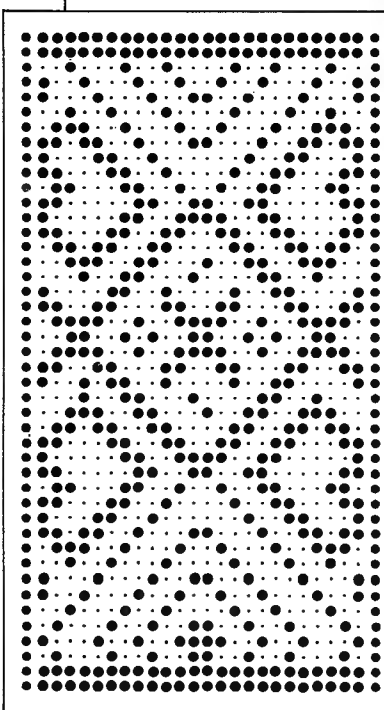
Insert punchcard and lock on 2nd row. Set carriage for patt. Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. K 202 rows. RC shows 203 and work measures 73 cm, 28¾ in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 30 [32, 34] sts at beg of next 4 rows. Cast off rem 44 [46, 48] sts.

RIGHT FRONT

MACHINES WITH RIBBER



12 WOMAN'S CARDIGAN

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge punchcard machines with or without a ribber.

MATERIALS

Hayfield Pure Wool Classics 4-ply.
10 [11, 12] x 50g balls in Cream (MC).
8 [9, 10] x 50g balls in Black (A).
2 [2, 3] x 50g balls in Maize (B).
7 buttons.

The fibre content of this yarn is 100% Pure New Wool. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - Hayfield Textiles Ltd., Glusburn, Keighley, West Yorkshire BD20 8OP.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 87 [92, 97] cm, 34 [36, 38] in.
Actual size 108 [114, 121] cm, 42½ [45, 47½] in.
Length to shoulder 73 cm, 28¾ in.
Sleeve seam 49 cm, 19¼ in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

30 stitches and 30 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over Fair Isle pattern (tension dial setting approximately 9).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Punch card, as shown, before starting to knit. Knit two colour Fair Isle rows with first colour given in back feeder 1(A) to knit background and second colour given in front feeder 2(B) to knit contrast pattern.

FAIR ISLE PATTERN

* K 8 rows MC/A, 2 rows MC/B, 4 rows MC/A and 2 rows MC/B. Repeat from * 4 more times. These 80 rows form 1 pattern.

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 82 [87, 92] Ns at right of centre 0 to WP. Work as for back from * to*.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 83 [86, 92] Ns at right of centre 0 to WP. Work as for back from * to*.

1ST SIZE

Dec 1 st at right edge.

2ND SIZE

Inc 1 st at right edge.

ALL SIZES

82 [87, 92] sts.

ALL MACHINES

** Insert punchcard and lock on 2nd row. Set carriage for patt. Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. K 128 rows. RC shows 129. K 1 row extra for left front.

SHAPE FRONT EDGE

Dec 1 st at left edge of next and every foll 3rd row until 60 [64, 68]

sts rem. K 10 [7, 4] rows.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 30 [32, 34] sts at beg of next row, K 1 row. Cast off rem 30 [32, 34] sts**.

LEFT FRONT

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 82 [87, 92] Ns at left of centre 0 to WP. Work as for back from * to*.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 83 [86, 92] Ns at left of centre 0 to WP. Work as for back from * to*.

1ST SIZE

Dec 1 st at left edge.

2ND SIZE

Inc 1 st at left edge.

ALL SIZES

82 [87, 92] sts.

ALL MACHINES

Work as for right front from ** to ** noting alteration in number of rows worked and reversing shapings by reading right for left.

SLEEVES

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 35 [37, 39] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 70 [74, 78] Ns. Work as for back from * to*.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 34 [37, 39] Ns at left and 34 [37, 38] Ns at right of centre 0 to WP. 68 [74, 77] Ns. Work as for back from * to*.

1ST SIZE

Inc 1 st at each end.

3RD SIZE

Inc 1 st at right edge.

ALL SIZES

70 [74, 78] sts.

ALL MACHINES

Insert punchcard and lock on 2nd row. Set carriage for patt. Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 1 row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 4th row until there are 124 [130, 136] sts. K 25 [21, 17] rows. RC shows 131 and work measures 49 cm, 19¼ in. Cast off.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Push 198 [199, 200] Ns to WP. With P side of right front facing, pick up 72 [73, 74] sts from shoulder to beg of front shaping and 126 sts down to lower edge and place on to Ns. Using MT and MC, K 5 rows. Counting from left edge, make buttonholes over 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 123rd, 124th, 125th and 126th sts. K 11 rows. Make buttonholes over same sts as before. K 5 rows. Cast off.

BUTTON BAND

Work as for buttonhole band reading left for right and omitting buttonholes.

BACK BAND

Push 40 [42, 44] Ns to WP. With P side facing pick up 40 [42, 44] sts across back neck and place on to Ns. Using MT and MC, K 21 rows. Cast off.

PRESSING

With wrong side facing, pin out each piece to measurements given. Press carefully following instructions on ball band.

MAKING UP

Join shoulder and band seams. Set in sleeves matching centre to shoulder seams. Join side and sleeve seams. Fold band in half and catch down on inside. Finish buttonholes and sew on buttons.



BACK

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Push 70 [74, 77, 81] Ns at left and right of centre 0 to WP. 140 [148, 154, 162] Ns. * Push corresponding Ns on ribber to WP. Arrange Ns for 1x1 rib. Using C, cast on and K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-5/MT-6 and MC, K 26 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 70 [73, 76, 81] Ns at left and 70 [73, 76, 80] Ns at right of centre 0 to WP. 140 [146, 152, 161] Ns. * Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and MC, K 24 rows. Using C, K 5 rows. Using MC, K 24 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed *.

2ND AND 3RD SIZES

Inc 1 st at each end.

4TH SIZE

Inc 1 st at right edge.

ALL SIZES

140 [148, 154, 162] sts.

ALL MACHINES

Set RC at 000. Using MT+1, K 1 row. Insert punchcard and lock on first row. Set carriage for patt. K 1

13 MAN'S SADDLE SHOULDER SWEATER

PATTERN RATING

*** For fairly experienced knitters

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge punchcard machines with or without a ribber.

MATERIALS

D & S Cone Yarn Quality 4 ply.

1 [1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in White (MC).

1 [1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in Navy Blue (C).

The fibre content of this yarn is 85% Courtelle, 15% Wool. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - D & S Cone Yarn, 175 Queen Street, Newton Abbot, Devon.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply

MEASUREMENTS

To fit chest 92 [97, 102, 107] cm, 36 [38, 40, 42] in.

Actual size 98 [104, 109, 114] cm, 39 [41, 43, 45] in.

Length without sleeve extensions 82 [82, 83, 83] cm, 24½ [24½, 24¾, 24¾] in.

Sleeve seam 47.5 cm, 18¾ in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

26 stitches and 36 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over stocking stitch (tension dial setting approximately 8).

28 stitches and 36 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over Fair Isle on MT+1 (tension dial setting approximately 9).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Punch card, as shown, before starting to knit.

row. Release card and cont in Fair Isle with MC in feeder 1(A) and C in feeder 2(B). K 118 rows. RC shows 120 and work measures 38.5 cm, 15¼ in.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows **. Dec 1 st at each end of every foll 5th [5th, 4th, 4th] row until 114 [120, 124, 130] sts rem. K 37 [32, 40, 36] rows. RC shows 194 [194, 198, 198] and work measures 59 [59, 60, 60] cm, 23¼ [23¼, 23¾, 23¾] in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 7 [8, 8, 9] sts at beg of next 8 rows and 9 [8, 10, 9] sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Cast off rem 40 sts.

FRONT

Work as for back to **. Dec 1 st at each end of every foll 5th [5th, 4th, 4th] row until 126 [134, 138, 146] sts rem. K 3 [3, 0, 0] rows.

SHAPE NECK

Note patt row on card. Using nylon cord, K 63 [67, 69, 73] sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next and every foll 5th row and at the same time, cont to dec at armhole edge on every 5th [5th, 4th, 4th] row from previous dec until 51 [53, 56, 58] sts rem. Cont to dec at neck edge only on every 5th row from previous dec until 47 [50, 52, 55] sts rem, then on every foll 4th row until 43 [46, 48, 51] sts rem, K 2 [2, 6, 6] rows.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 11 [12, 12, 13] sts at beg of next and foll 2 alt rows. K 1 row. Cast off rem 10 [10, 12, 12] sts. With carriage at right, unravel nylon cord over rem Ns bringing Ns back to WP. Lock card on number previously noted. Take carriage to left without knitting. Release card and cont in Fair Isle patt. Finish to correspond with first side, reversing shapings.

LEFT SLEEVE

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

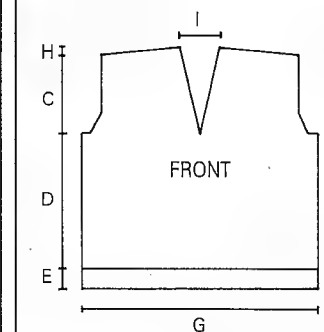
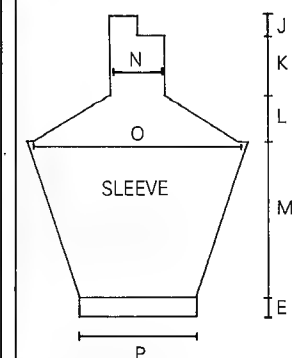
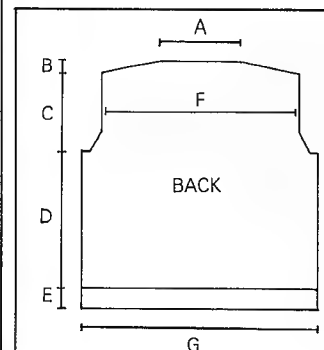
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MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

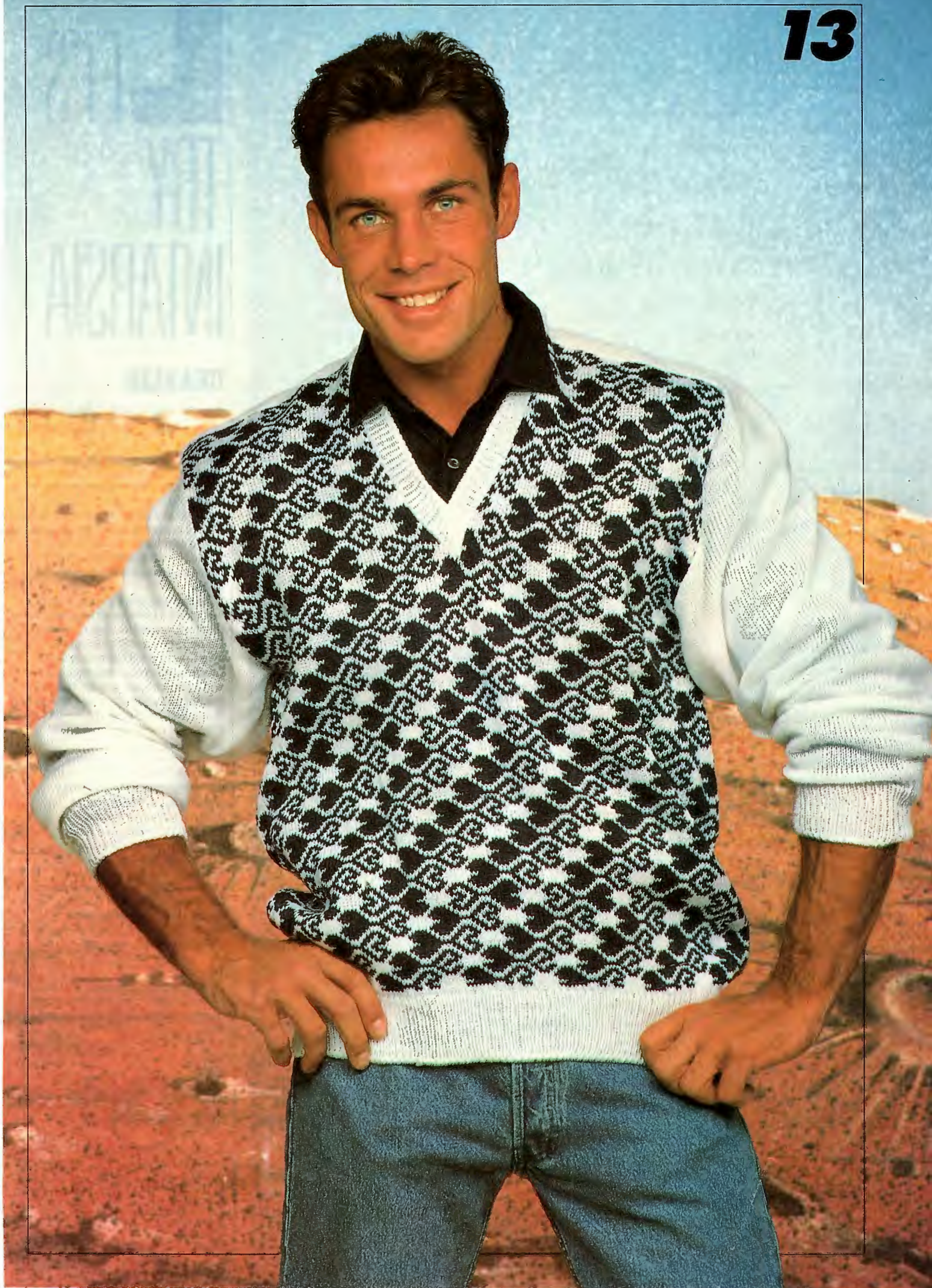
Push 77 [77, 83, 83] Ns to WP. Work as for back from * to *. Inc 1 st. 78 [78, 84, 84] sts.

ALL MACHINES

Set RC at 000. Using MT, shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of every 4th row until there are 146 [146, 152, 152] sts. K 24 rows. RC shows 160 and work measures 47.5 cm, 18¾ in. (K 1 row extra for right sleeve.)



- A = 14 cm
- B = 3 cm
- C = 20.5 [20.5, 21.5, 21.5] cm
- D = 33 cm
- E = 5.5 cm
- F = 40.5 [42.5, 44, 46] cm
- G = 50 [52.5, 55, 57.5] cm
- H = 1.5 cm
- I = 10 cm
- J = 5.25 cm
- K = 15.25 [16.25, 17, 18] cm
- L = 11.5 cm
- M = 42 cm
- N = 13 cm
- O = 56 [56, 58, 58] cm
- P = 30 [30, 32, 32] cm



LET'S TRY INTARSIA

CHARLIE

Meet Charlie – our Cockatiel intarsia design this month from Thelma Dawson. Knitted on a standard gauge machine, we used Yeoman Yarns Panama cotton/acrylic yarn in Mint as our main colour, although you may prefer a dark background to make Charlie really stand out. If you plan to use oddments for the picture, as we did, remember the three Rules as printed in the August '89 issue.

To add emphasis to the design, we added a black bead to give that beady-eyed look and Swiss Darned some extra stitches to give Charlie a full feathery plume. Chain stitches outlined the beak and a French Knot was perfect for the nostril to complete the design. If you wish, add some buttons in the shape of flowers and leaves on the branch.

If you are using an electronic machine, the chart will fit on to your mylar sheet. Knit in white and Swiss Darn in the other colours. For a real sparkle, try using knit-in beads every other stitch and every other row.

Using double knitting on a chunky machine, your knitted picture will be approximately two and a half sizes larger than the graph – keep this in mind if knitting for a young child as there are 120 rows to the graph.

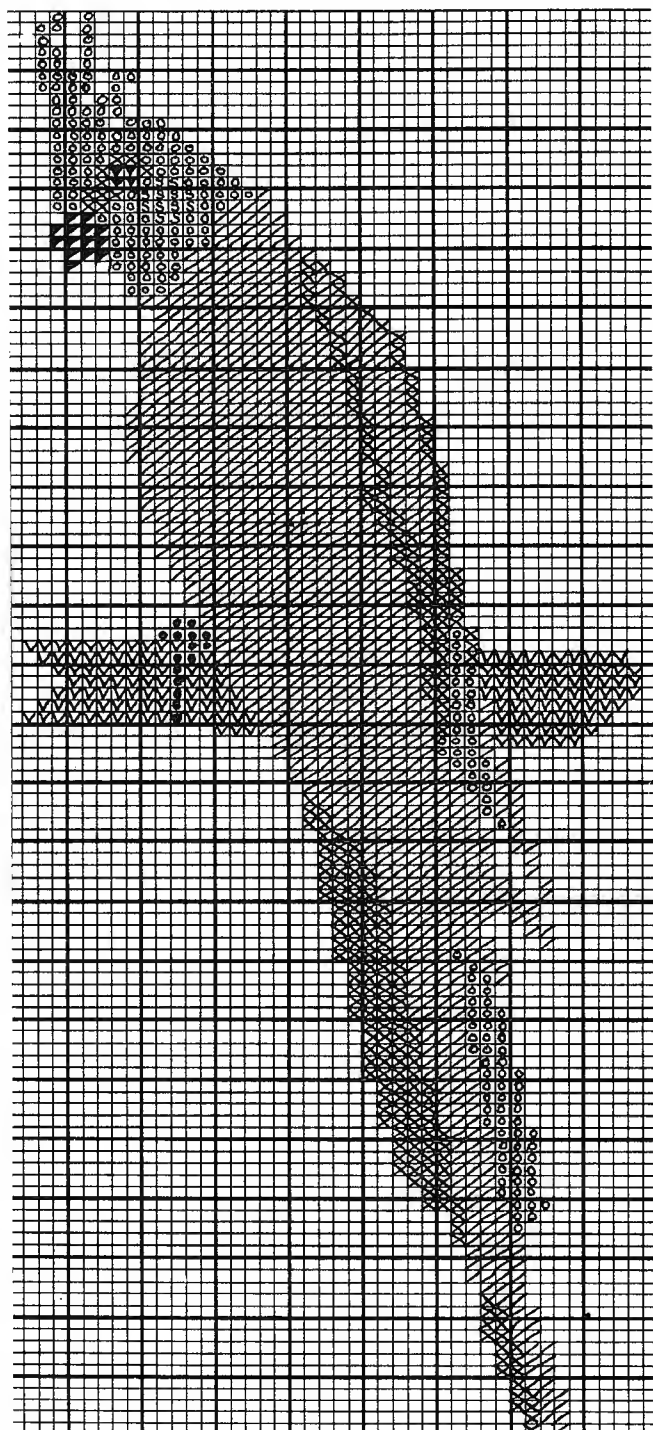
TENSION

28 stitches and 43 rows to 10 cm
4 in measured over stocking stitch
(tension dial setting approximately 7).

COLOUR KEY

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X = Pale lemon
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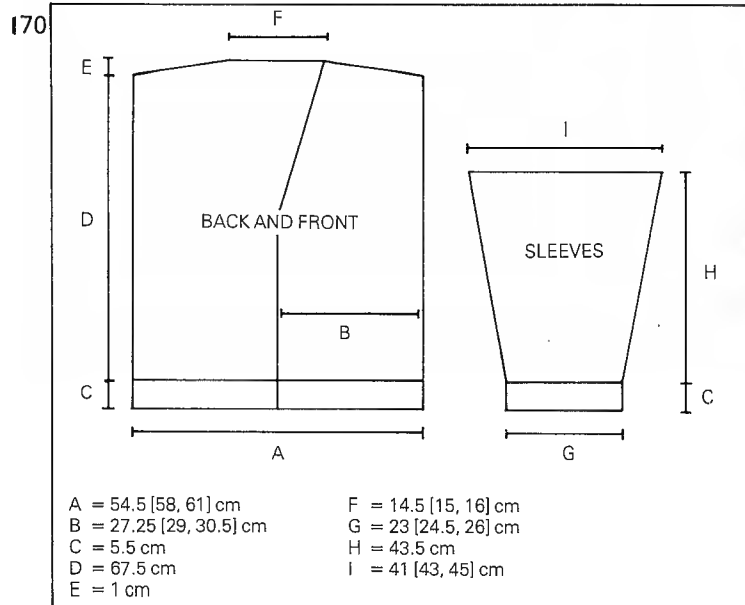
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SHAPE TOP

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Cast off 2 sts at beg of every row until 74 [74, 88, 88] sts rem, 3 sts at beg of every row until 50 [50, 58, 58] sts rem and 4 sts at beg of every row until 34 sts rem. K 58 [62, 66, 70] rows. Cast off 15 sts at beg of next row. K 19 rows. Using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

RIGHT SLEEVE

Work as for left sleeve reversing shapings by noting alteration in number of rows worked.

NECKBAND

Join sleeve extensions to front shoulders

MACHINES WITH RIBBER

With ribber in position and carriage at right, set machine for 1x1 rib. Using C, cast on 194 [194, 200, 200] sts in 1x1 rib. K 3 tubular rows. Carriage is at right. Set carriage for 1x1 rib knitting. Set RC at 000. Using MT-4/MT-4 and MC, K 11 rows. Transfer sts for st st.

MACHINES WITHOUT RIBBER

Push 194 [194, 200, 200] Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on

and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and MC, K 9 rows. Using C, K 5 rows. Using MC, K 9 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed.

ALL MACHINES

With P side facing, pick up 96 [96, 99, 99] sts along right side of neck (from centre back to centre front) and 96 [96, 99, 99] sts along left side of neck (from centre front to centre back) and place on to centre 192 [192, 198, 198] Ns. Using MT+2, K 1 row. Cast off with a latch tool.

PRESSING

With wrong side of work facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Cover with a wet cloth and leave until dry.

MAKING UP

Graft centre back of sleeve extensions, then join to back neck and shoulders. Set in sleeves. Join side, sleeve and neckband seams. Fold centre front of neckband as shown and catch down.

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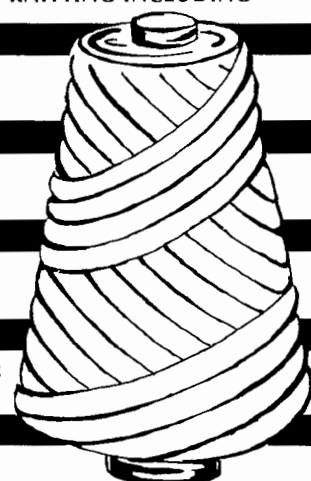
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KNITMASTER CORNER

Thank you for lots of lovely letters about Knitmaster Corner and all the tips and problems. It sounds greedy to say it, but please keep the letters coming; if you dry up, so will this page! Maybe not quite dry up, but an article on a specific technique often does not help so many knitters as a "how to" on a problem.

PLATING

Mrs. Herbert of Dorchester wrote about the gentleman with a plating problem on the 370 fine gauge machine and suggests he tries the punch lace setting. I quote from her letter - "I always use this method on my 700 if I am just doing a plain fabric. It is so much easier and quicker to thread. Just lock in a blank row on a punchcard and put the lever to the correct punch lace setting and away you go. This is not possible with tuck plating of course, but I find that by changing the yarn in one or other of the yarn feeders (A or B) it is possible to get very subtle stripes, using up lots of ends of yarn too!"

Thank you Mrs. Herbert, I am sure many knitters will try this out.

TEENAGER ADVICE

In Jarrow lives thirteen year old Grant Keeler and a letter from his Mum, plus a newspaper clipping interested me greatly.

Grant has a 326 which he bought with money from tips collected on his newspaper round (plus a helpful loan from his Gran!) and he is into making jumpers. His mother wrote asking for advice in finding a job as a machine mechanic when he leaves school. One thing is certain, he is going about it in the right way now - as a mechanic he will not leave knitters hanging about for months waiting for a repair job to be completed because he will know all about the withdrawal symptoms we suffer!

All I can suggest Grant is that you write to all the main knitting machine people in this country asking if they have an apprenticeship scheme. Or write to a shop near you who employ a mechanic for repairs on the premises. This is usually for sewing and knitting machine repairs.

Ask your Careers Office at school for help and enquire if there is a scheme at a nearby Technical College, or of any

possibility of day release to a College if you can get a job in a repair shop. I know that once employed as an apprentice mechanic you will be sent to various establishments, such as Knitmaster and so on, to study new machines and do repairs for both sewing and knitting machines. My best wishes and I am sure all our readers will join me in saying Good Luck.

FINE GAUGE MACHINES

A heart rending plea from Mrs. Radford in London for Fair Isle designs for the fine gauge machine. These are 30 stitch repeat punchcards and they are few and far between. I know there were quite a few in Modern Machine Knitting about the time the 370 fine gauge machine came out. Have you thought about writing to Knitmaster Mrs. Radford, asking for more? I feel sure you are not alone in feeling neglected. There is a punchcard book for the 370 and I think I have seen pre-punched cards at the To and Fro Convention, so write to Metropolitan, 321 Ashley Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset and see if they have any. I agree that not many of the 24 stitch pattern cards can be converted to 30 stitches, but there is a small booklet of traditional Fair Isle patterns by Mary Smith and Maggie Twatt called a Shetland Pattern Book, priced about £2.50. Most traditional stitch patterns are of an uneven number and it may be easier to adapt those by adding a few extra stitches and so on to break up the floats. Incidentally this little booklet is ideal for electronic owners who are not governed by such numbers. Mrs. Radford adds that she purchased a braided "builders chalk line" 18 metres long size A for 70 pence and says it is exactly the same as our nylon cords. That is a nice tip. Many years ago I purchased a cone of silky cord for 35 pence from Readicut. There is still a lot of it left for cords despite my husband using it in the garden as well. I do buy the coloured cords though as they make life so much easier when it comes to picking up from waste yarn. Has anyone any ideas for coloured cords?!

That is the sort of thing this column is all about!

See you next month.

Ann Taylor

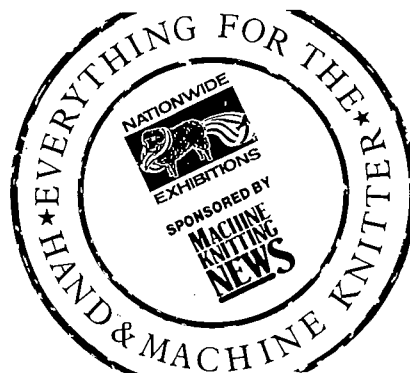
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Push 128 [137, 146, 152] Ns to WP. * Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT-2 and MY, K 43 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MY evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed *. Inc 2 [1, 0, 2] sts. 130 [138, 146, 154] sts. Transfer sts for patt as follows:- Transfer the 6th [3rd, 7th, 4th] and every foll 7th st on to adjacent N along the row ending with 5 [2, 6, 3] Ns in WP. Push empty Ns to NWP. Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 6 rows. Work cable panels over Ns as follows:-

1ST AND 4TH SIZES

Miss 13 [11], ** cable 6, miss 8; rep from ** 7 [9] times more, miss 5 [3].

2ND AND 3RD SIZES

Miss [3, 7], ** cable 6, miss 8; rep from ** 8 times more, cable 6, miss [3, 7].

ALL SIZES

K 134 rows. RC shows 140 and work measures 40 cm, 15¾ in ***.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every row until 112 [116, 120, 128] sts rem, then on every foll alt row until 96 [100, 104, 110] sts rem. K 47 [51, 53, 57] rows. RC shows 210 [216, 220, 226] and work measures 57.5 [59, 60, 61.5] cm, 22½ [23¼, 23¾, 24¼] in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 9 [9, 9, 10] sts at beg of next 4 rows and 8 [9, 10, 10] sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Cast off rem 44 [46, 48, 50] sts.

FRONT

Work as for back to ***.

SHAPE ARMHOLE AND NECK

Using nylon cord K 65 [69, 73, 77] sts at left by hand taking Ns down to NWP. Cont on rem sts for first side. Dec 1 st (2 sts in) at neck edge of next and every foll 3rd row and at the same time, cast off 4 sts at beg of next row, K 1 row. Dec 1 st at armhole edge on every row until 53 [55, 56, 60] sts rem, then on every foll alt row until 40 [41, 43, 45] sts rem. Cont to dec

14 BOY'S CABLE SWEATER

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge machines.

MATERIALS

Bramwell's Fine 4 ply

1 [1, 1, 1] x 500g cone in Royal Blue (MY).

The fibre content of this yarn is 100% Acrylic. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - F. W. Bramwell & Co. Ltd., Unit 5, Metcalf Drive, Altham Lane, Accrington BB5 5TU.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit chest 76 [81, 86, 91] cm, 30 [32, 34, 36] in.
Actual size 80 [85, 90, 95] cm, 31½ [33½, 35½, 37½] in.
Length to back neck 59 [60.5, 61.5, 63] cm, 23¼ [23¾, 24½, 24¾] in.
Sleeve seam 41.5 cm, 16¼ in.

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

32 stitches and 40 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over cable pattern (tension dial setting approximately 7.)

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. Count Ns in NWP as sts throughout. If a N in NWP becomes an end N, push it to WP until a further st is worked. When casting off, make chains in spaces where Ns are in NWP.

PATTERN NOTES

CABLE PATTERN

Cable panels are worked over 5 sts and counting from the right these sts are numbered 1 to 5. * Cross sts 1, 2 and 3 in front of sts 4, 5 and 5. K 14 rows. Rep from * throughout.

at neck edge only on every 3rd row from previous dec until 29 [31, 33, 36] sts rem, then on every

foll 4th row until 26 [27, 28, 30] sts rem. K 3 [5, 5, 7] rows.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 9 [9, 9, 10] sts at beg of next and foll alt row, K 1 row. Cast off rem 8 [9, 10, 10] sts. With carriage at left, unravel nylon cord over rem Ns bringing Ns back to WP. Finish to correspond with first side reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Push 56 [56, 59, 62] Ns to WP. Work as for back from * to *. Inc 0 [2, 1, 0] sts. 56 [58, 60, 62] sts. Transfer sts for patt as follows:- Transfer the 4th [5th, 6th, 7th] and every foll 7th st on to adjacent N along the row ending with 3 [4, 5, 6] Ns in WP. Push empty Ns to NWP. Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 6 rows. Work cable panels over Ns as follows:- Miss 4 [5, 6, 7], ** cable 6, miss 8, rep from ** twice more, cable 6, miss 4 [5, 6, 7], K 12 rows. Keeping continuity of patt over inc sts, shape sides by inc 1 st (2 sts in) at each end of next and every foll 6th [5th, 5th, 5th] row until there are 98 [102, 106, 110] sts. K 7 [22, 17, 12] rows. RC shows 146 and work measures 41.5 cm, 16¼ in.

SHAPE TOP

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every alt row until 56 [52, 52, 48] sts rem, then on every row until 32 sts rem. Cast off.

NECKBAND (TWO PIECES)

Join shoulder seams. Push 87 [93, 96, 102] Ns to WP. With K side facing, pick up 65 [70, 72, 77] sts along one side of front neck and 22 [23, 24, 25] sts across half of back neck and place on to Ns. Inc 1 st at each end for making up. 89 [95, 98, 104] sts. Set RC at 000. Using MT and MY, K 1 row. Transfer every 3rd st on to adjacent N and push empty Ns to NWP. Using MT-1, dec 1 st (2 sts in) at front edge of next 2 rows. Using MT-2, dec 1 st (2 sts in) at front edge of next 8 rows. K 1 row. Inc 1 st (2 sts in) at front edge of next 8 rows. Using MT-1, inc 1 st (2 sts in) at front edge of next row. Push Ns from NWP to WP and place loop from row below adjacent st on to empty Ns. Using MT inc 1 st (2 sts in) at front edge of next row. K 1

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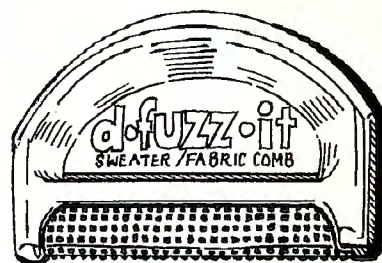


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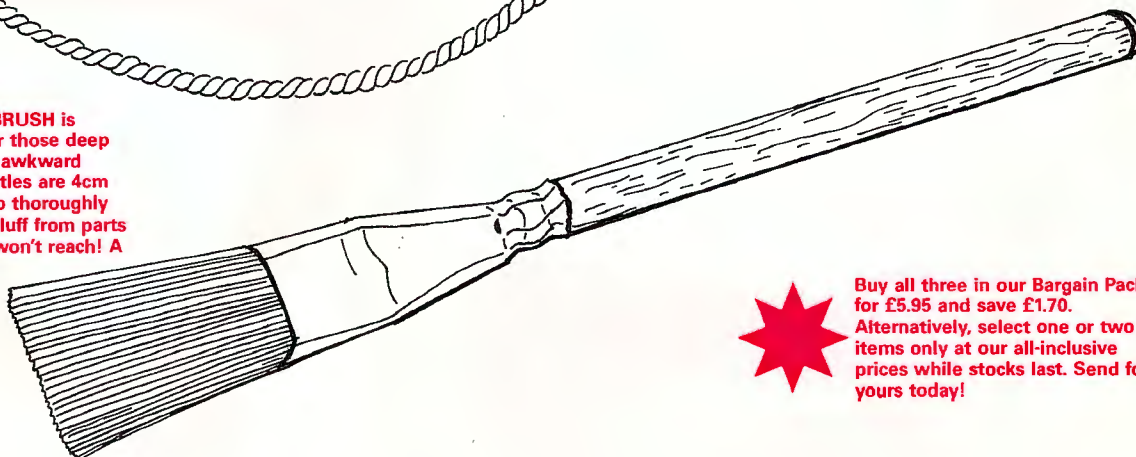
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15 GIRL'S DRESS

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge machines.

MATERIALS

Denys Brunton De-Lux 4-ply.
1 [1, 1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in Navy (MC).
1 [1, 1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in Red (A).
1 [1, 1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in Green (B).
1 [1, 1, 1, 1] x 400g cone in Royal (C).
3 00mm crochet hook.
3 buttons.

The fibre content of this yarn is 100% Acrylic. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address - Denys Brunton Designer Yarns, Moorland Mills, Law Street, Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire BD19 3QR

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply

MEASUREMENTS

To fit chest 56 [61, 66, 71] cm, 22 [24, 26, 28] in.
Actual size 57 [62, 67, 72] cm, 22½ [24½, 26½, 28½] in.
Length to back neck 44.5 [49.5, 54.5, 59.5] cm, 17½ [19½, 21½, 23½] in.
Sleeve seam 5 cm, 2 in

Instructions are written for the smallest size, larger sizes follow in square brackets. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

TENSION

28 stitches and 40 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over stocking stitch (tension dial setting approximately 7)

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment. When shaping in HP on skirt, always take yarn round first inside N in HP to prevent a hole forming.

BACK SKIRT

With carriage at right and using MC, cast on 65 [72, 79, 86] sts by hand. Place marker at left edge. Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 12 rows. * Push 13 [14, 15, 16] Ns at left to HP on next and foll 3 alt rows. K 1 row. Push 13 [14, 15, 16] inside Ns from HP to UWP on next and foll 2 alt rows. K 1 row. Push rem 13 [14, 15, 16] Ns from HP to UWP **. K 18 [20, 22, 24] rows *. Rep from * to * 4 times more, then from * to ** once. K 12 rows. RC shows 198 [208, 218, 228]. Place marker at left edge. Cast off.

BACK BODICE

Push 80 [86, 95, 101] Ns to WP. With carriage at right and P side of skirt facing, pick up 80 [86, 95, 101] sts evenly between markers and place on to Ns. Set RC at 000. Using MT and MC, K 1 row. Transfer every 3rd st on to adjacent N and push empty Ns to NWP. Using MT-2, K 15 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and place loops from row below adjacent st on to empty Ns. Inc 2 [2, 1, 1] sts. 82 [88, 96, 102] sts. Set RC at 000. Using MT, cont in stripes of 4 rows B and 4 rows C. K 20 [24, 32, 36] rows. Break B and C and cont in A. K 0 [2, 0, 2] rows. RC shows 20 [26, 32, 38] and work measures 5 [6.5, 8, 9.5] cm, 2 [2½, 3¼, 3¾] in from top of rib.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 2 [2, 3, 3] sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every row until 72 [78, 84, 90] sts rem, then on every foll alt row until 64 [68, 72, 76] sts rem. K 3 [1, 3, 1] rows. Break A.

1ST AND 4TH SIZES

Cont in stripes of 4 rows B and 4 rows C.

2ND AND 3RD SIZES

Cont in stripes of 4 rows C and 4 rows B.

ALL SIZES *

K 30 [34, 34, 38] rows. RC shows 66 [76, 86, 96] and work measures 16.5 [19, 21.5, 24] cm, 6½ [7½, 8½, 9½] in from top of rib.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 4 rows and 6 [7, 8, 9] sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Using WY, K a few rows over rem 28 [30, 32, 34] sts and release from machine.

FRONT SKIRT

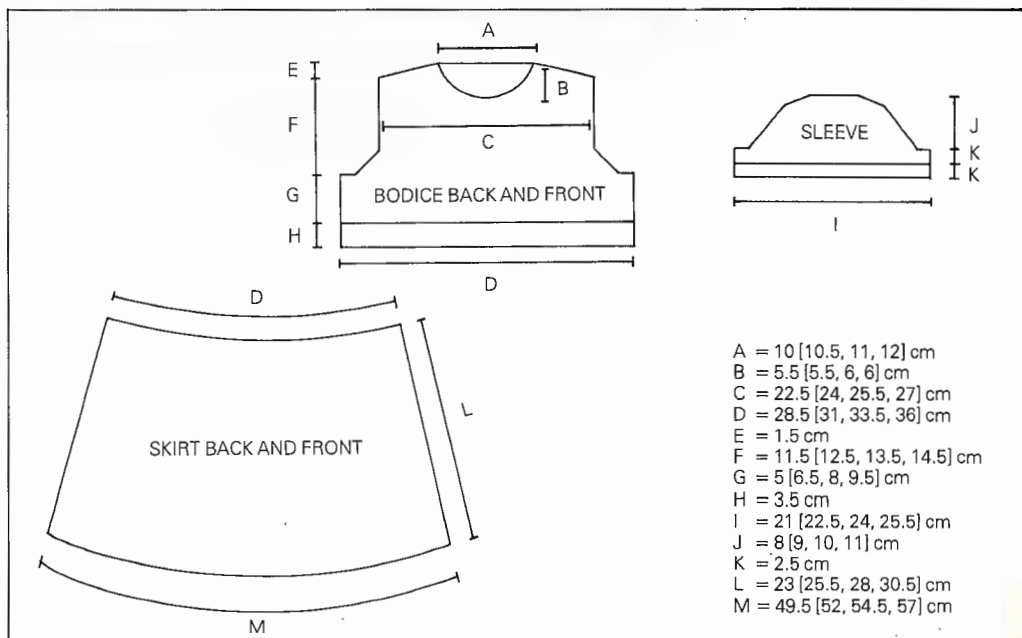
Work as for back skirt.

FRONT BODICE

Work as for back bodice to *. K 14 [16, 16, 18] rows. 16 [18, 18, 20] rows less have been worked to shoulder than on back.

SHAPE NECK

Push 38 [41, 44, 47] Ns at left to HP and cont on rem sts for first



◀83 side. K 1 row. Push 1 N at neck edge to HP on every row until 18 [19, 20, 21] sts rem. K 7 [9, 9, 11] rows.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next and foll alt row. K 1 row. Cast off rem 6 [7, 8, 9] sts. With carriage at left, push 26 [27, 28, 29] Ns at left from HP to UWP. Finish to correspond with first side reversing shapings. Push 28 [30, 32, 34] Ns from HP to UWP and using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

SLEEVES

Push 59 [62, 68, 71] Ns to WP. Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT—2 and A, K 23 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in A evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed. Inc 1 [2, 0, 1] sts. 60 [64, 68, 72] sts. Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 10 rows. Work measures 5 cm, 2 in.

SHAPE TOP

Cast off 2 [2, 3, 3] sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every alt row until 30 [30, 26, 26] sts rem, then on every row until 22 sts rem. Cast off.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam. Push 74 [80, 86, 92] Ns to WP. With K side facing, pick up 9 [10, 11, 12] sts down left side of neck, 28 [30, 32, 34] sts across front neck, 9 [10, 11, 12] sts up right side of neck and 28 [30, 32, 34] sts across back neck and place on to Ns. Unravel WY. Set RC at 000. Using MT and C, K 1 row. Transfer every 3rd st on to adjacent N and push empty Ns to NWP. Using MT—2, K 18 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and place loop from row below adjacent st on to empty Ns. Using MT, K 2 rows. Using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

MAKING UP

Fold neckband in half to right side and pin in position. Unravelling WY as required, backstitch through open loops of last row worked in C. Join left shoulder seam for 1 cm. Join side and sleeve seams. Set in sleeves. With right side facing and using hook, join in A at top of back neckband and work two rows dc along neckband and shoulder, then along front shoulder and neckband, working three button-loops on front edge in second row. First mark position of buttons on back border with pins to ensure even spacing, then work buttonloops to correspond. To make buttonloop: three chain, miss two dc. With right side facing and using hook, join in MC to side seam of skirt. Work two rounds dc around lower edge, join with a slip st and fasten off. Sew on buttons.

BACK

Push 80 [86, 95, 101, 110, 116] Ns to WP. * Push every 3rd N back to NWP. Using MT and WY, cast on and K a few rows ending with carriage at left. Set RC at 000. Using MT—2 and MC, K 23 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and make a hem by placing loops of first row worked in MC evenly along the row. Unravel WY when work is completed. Inc 2 [2, 1, 1, 0, 0] sts. 82 [88, 96, 102, 110, 116] sts. Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 70 [80, 90, 100, 110, 120] rows. Work measures 20 [22.5, 25, 27.5, 30, 32.5] cm, 8 [9, 9¾, 10¾, 11¾, 12¾] in.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 2 [2, 3, 3, 3, 3] sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every row until 72 [78, 84, 90, 96, 102] sts rem, then on every foll alt row until 64 [68, 72, 76, 80, 84] sts rem **. K 33 [35, 37, 43, 44, 46] rows. RC shows 116 [130, 144, 162, 176, 190] and work measures 31.5 [35, 38.5, 43, 46.5, 50] cm, 12½ [13¾, 15¼, 17, 18¼, 19¾] in.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 6 [6, 6, 7, 7, 7] sts at beg of next 4 rows and 6 [7, 8, 7, 8, 9] sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Using WY, K a few rows over rem 28 [30, 32, 34, 36, 38] sts and release from machine.

FRONT

Work as for back to **. K 17 [17, 19, 23, 24, 24] rows. 16 [18, 18, 20, 20, 22] rows less have been worked to shoulder than on back.

SHAPE NECK

Push 38 [41, 44, 47, 50, 53] Ns at left to HP and cont on rem sts for first side. K 1 row. Push 1 N at neck edge to HP on every row until 18 [19, 20, 21, 22, 23] sts rem. K 7 [9, 9, 11, 11, 13] rows.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 6 [6, 6, 7, 7, 7] sts at beg of next and foll alt row. K 1 row. Cast off rem 6 [7, 8, 7, 8, 9] sts. With carriage at left, push 26 [27, 28, 29, 30, 31] Ns at left from HP to UWP. Finish to correspond with first side reversing shapings.

16 CHILD'S STRIPED SWEATER

PATTERN RATING

** Fairly easy, for knitters with some experience.

MACHINES

This pattern is suitable for standard gauge machines

MATERIALS

Denys Brunton De-Lux 4 ply
1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] × 400g cone in Navy (MC)
1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] × 400g cone in Red (A)
1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] × 400g cone in Green (B)
1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] × 400g cone in Royal (C)
3.00 mm crochet hook
3 buttons, if required

The fibre content of this yarn is 100% Acrylic. For further details about local or mail order stockists, please write to the following address — Denys Brunton Designer Yarns, Moorland Mills, Law Street, Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire BD19 3QR.

YARN THICKNESS

This yarn is medium weight and knits as four ply

MEASUREMENTS

To fit chest 56 [61, 66, 71, 76, 81] cm, 22 [24, 26, 28, 30, 32] in.
Actual size 57 [62, 67, 72, 77, 82] cm, 22½ [24½, 26½, 28½, 30½, 32½] in.
Length to back neck 33 [36.5, 40, 44.5, 48, 51.5] cm, 13 [14½, 15¾, 17½, 19, 20¼] in.
Sleeve seam 21.5 [24, 28, 32, 35.5, 40.5] cm, 8½ [9½, 11, 12½, 14, 16] in.

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TENSION

28 stitches and 40 rows to 10 cm, 4 in measured over stocking stitch (tension dial setting approximately 7).

For perfect results, please check your tension carefully.

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 4.

KNITTING NOTES

We used knit side of knitting as right side of garment

Push 28 [30, 32, 34, 36, 38] Ns from HP to UWP and using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

SLEEVES

Push 41 [44, 47, 47, 50, 53] Ns to WP. Work as for back from * to *. Inc 1 [0, 1, 1, 0, 1] st. 42 [44, 48, 48, 50, 54] sts. Set RC at 000. Using MT, K 4 rows B and 4 rows C. Break B and C and cont in A. Shape sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 7th [7th, 8th, 8th, 9th, 10th] row until there are 60 [64, 68, 72, 76, 80] sts. K 1 [4, 11, 11, 5, 13] rows. Break A and cont in stripes of 4 rows C and 4 rows B, K 10 rows. RC shows 76 [86, 102, 118, 132, 152] and work measures 21.5 [24, 28, 32, 35.5, 40.5] cm, 8½ [9½, 11, 12½, 14, 16] in.

SHAPE TOP

Cast off 2 [2, 3, 3, 3, 3] sts at beg of next 2 rows. K 0 [0, 0, 2, 2, 2] rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every alt row until 30 [30, 26, 22, 22] sts rem.

1ST, 2ND AND 3RD SIZES

Dec 1 st at each end of every row until 22 sts rem.

ALL SIZES

Cast off.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam. Push 74 [80, 86, 92, 98, 104] Ns to WP. With K side facing pick up 9 [10, 11, 12, 13, 14] sts down left side of neck, 28 [30, 32, 34, 36, 38] sts across front neck, 9 [10, 11, 12, 13, 14] sts up right side of neck, 28 [30, 32, 34, 36, 38] sts across back neck and place on to Ns. Unravel WY. Set RC at 000. Using

MT and MC, K 1 row. Transfer every 3rd st on to adjacent N and push empty N to NWP. Using MT, K 18 rows. Push Ns from NWP to WP and place loops from row below adjacent st on to empty Ns. Using MT, K 2 rows. Using WY, K a few rows and release from machine.

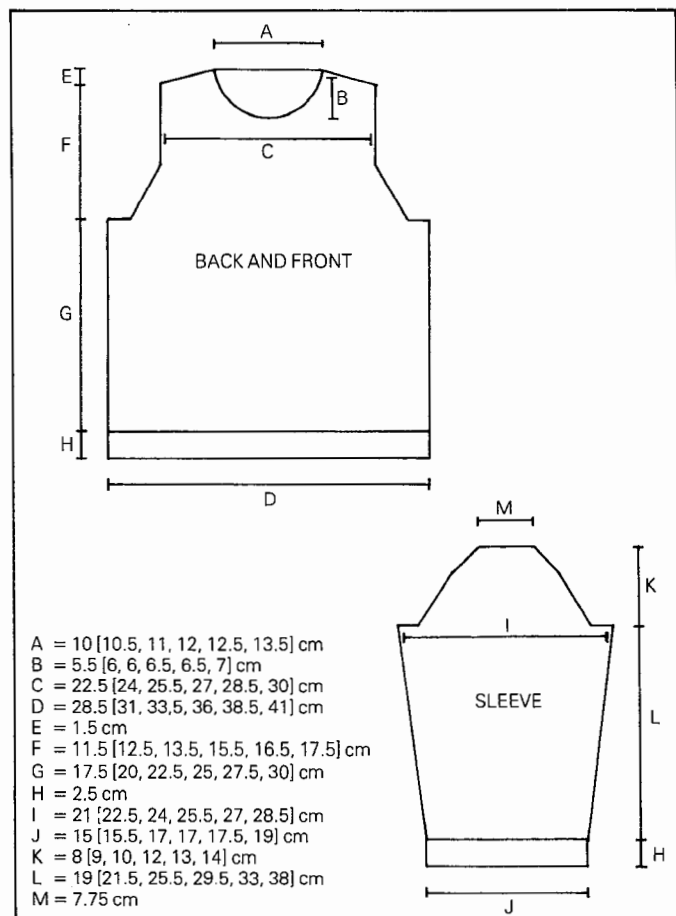
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With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Cover with a wet cloth and leave until dry.

MAKING UP

Fold neckband in half to right side and pin in position. Unravelling

WY as required, backstitch through open loops of last row worked in MC. Join left shoulder (see below), side and sleeve seams. Set in sleeves. If a shoulder opening is preferred, join left shoulder seam for 1 cm then work as follows:- With right side facing and using hook, join in MC at top of back neckband and work two rows of dc along back neckband and shoulder then along front shoulder and neckband, working three buttonloops on front edge in second row. First mark position of buttons on back border with pins to ensure even spacing then work buttonloops to correspond. To make a button-loop, three chain, miss 2 dc. Sew on buttons.



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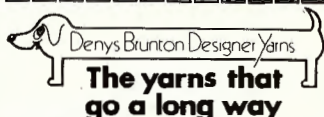
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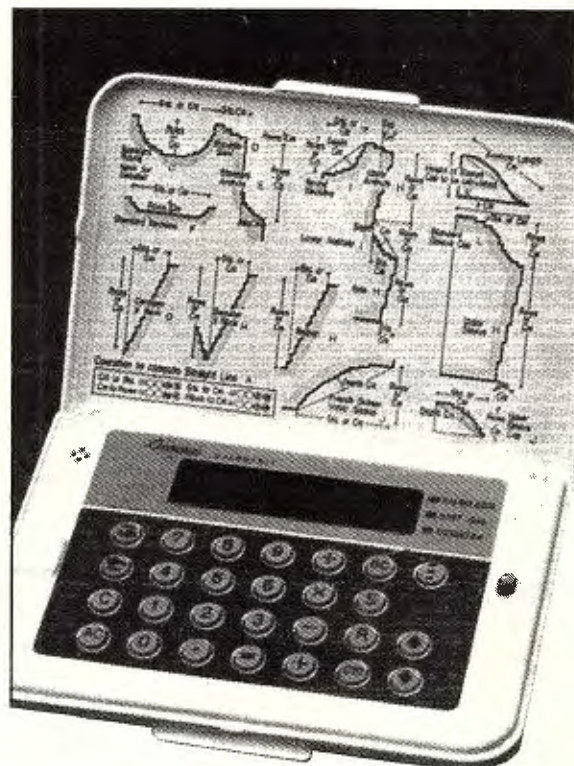
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2. *No dry man* in Northern France
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5. Not a difficult *chore* to see the pigment
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8. Non professionals
9. *Cruel* scorn from *Idi Amin*?
10. *Dual scar* may be his
11. *Sue Price* may 'n^ow several, of course
12. *Glisten* somehow after a point but keeps at home
13. Patterned in some *sly diets*

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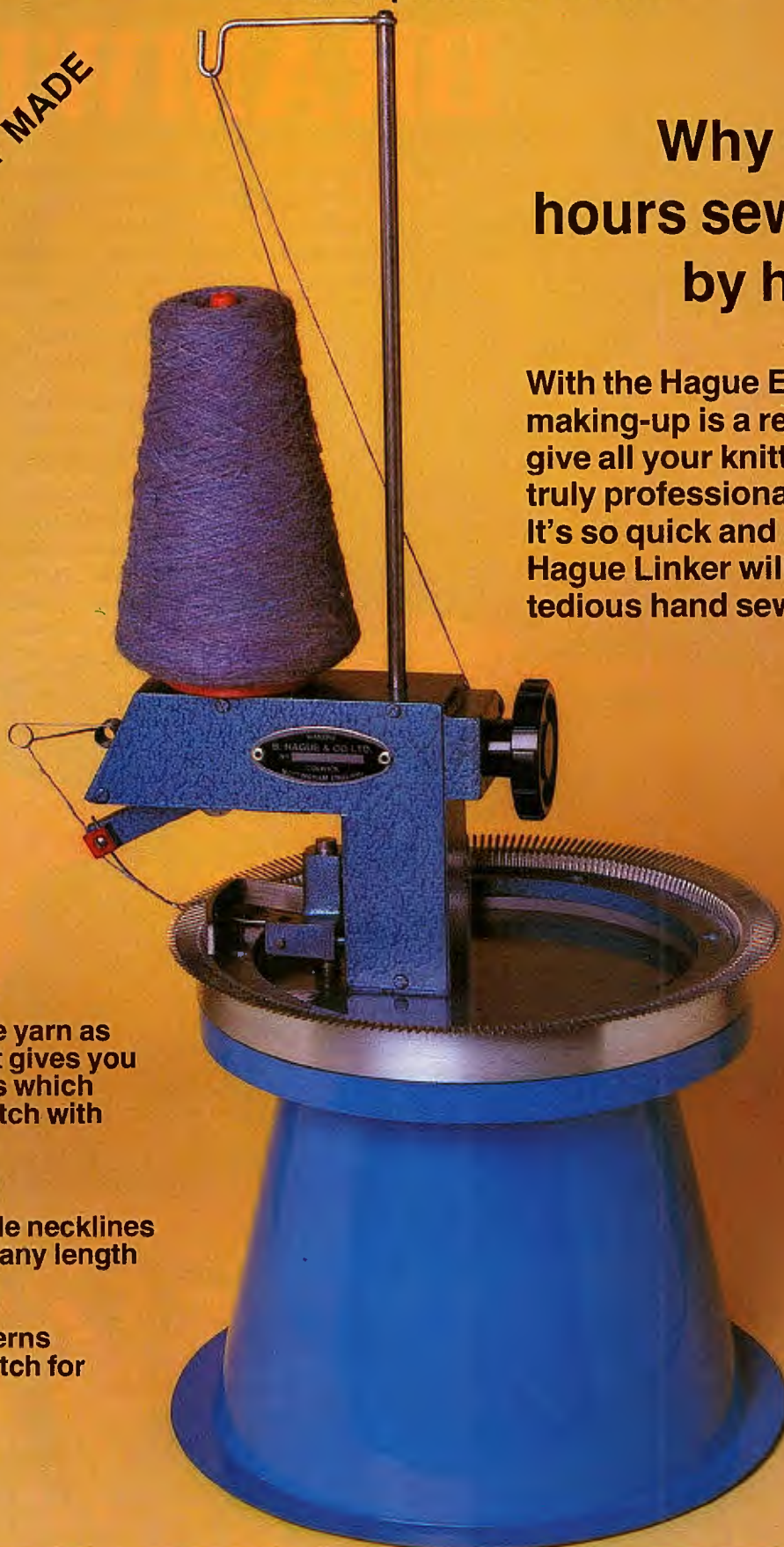
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